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MAN MUST NOT BE ALONE!

THE COMPANIONSHIP OF OTHERS ESSENTIAL TO OUR HAPPINESS.

Possibilities of the Twentieth Century Negro—Evils of Immigration—Negro Woman's Place in History—That Cake Walk.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The program rendered at the Central Literary Society last Monday was quite a literary treat, and fully 300 members were present. A paper, "The Possibilities of the Negro in the Twentieth Century" was read by E. W. Newsome, and one from Miss Clothilde Sharpe, "The Power of Association." Among many things Mr. Newsome said: "As to where he shall stand, or what he shall do, depends upon himself alone. It is not necessary for the government to make laws for him as a distinctive nation apart from the citizens of this country. He ought not expect any legislation made for him especially. He must not looked to be set apart by Congress as a part not connected with the whole. Such a condition is not essential. He is no longer a dependent, untuored savage, but an intellectual being, capable of working wonders for the country and for himself as an individual. He can, if he will, be one of the great powers that make the world better by the great business of life. He can, if he will, command the respect of the world, and be a master hand in the guidance of the ship of state. His voice can be heard in the legislative halls in all parts of the country, aud he can, if he will, put an end to the lynchings of his race. In brief, it is in his power to do everything that the race to-day is demanding from the government. The Negro race is the greatest, the noblest, the purest, the wisest, and as such I appoint them the criterion of all things upon the earth."

Miss Sharpe, while reasoning "The Power of Association," said: "That it is not good for man to be alone, is true in more than one sense. We seem to be so constituted that the companionship of others are essential, not only to our happiness, but also to our mental and moral growth. The hermit may, in his retirement and solitude, enjoy a certain peace and tranquility of mind; or, perhaps, may thus satisfy some idiosyncrasy of his nature, but the hermit is never a real philosopher or even a truly wise man. The highest and best examples of intellectual and moral worth have always been found among men who lived, moved and labored among their fellow men. Human association must be considered as an entirety; that is to say that the depravity or even the virtue of a few individuals cannot be considered by itself alone excepting as a factor in society at large. Because Nazareth was wicked and unclean, it did not follow that Judea was vile. Just as the wrath of man is sometimes made to praise the Almighty, so vice very often is made to emphasize and glorify virtue. Human society is a composite thing; it could not be otherwise, since it is made up not only of many men of many minds, but of many men of many different minds."

The Epworth League of the Elliott Avenue M. E. church rendered a very interesting literary and musical program last Wednesday evening. Although the weather was very inclement, a goodly number turned out, and the lecture room was comfortably seated. Miss Adele Crawford read a paper on "The Evils of Immigration," and among many things she said: "The Americans began their career by establishing governments in the interest of the poor and defenceless—a contrast of the ideas and methods prevailing in their own native country which prompted the first immigration. By establishing these asylums for the poor and oppressed, the gateway of immigration was widely thrown open, and vast throngs of persecuted humanity of all races and creeds are found; herein wealth, contentment and peace. Our laws are so framed as to grant to every immigrant, who has lived in the United States a requisite number of years, the same rights as to the American born citizen. What are the results? We are finding out that we have enough law, but a vast amount of lawlessness; we legislate in crude ways; our political factions without moral earnestness and dignity. The imported criminals keep the saloons where they dictate our politics; they rob our houses, through hatred murder our citizens and crowd our prisons. There is not an evil thing among us—not a vice nor crime which is not, for most part, of foreign origin—such as mobs, burglaries, anarchism. It is a simple fact that the largest element of this fearful category is mainly composed of foreigners. I do not mean to say that there are no American criminals, but as a class they are few. The sources of Europe are not exhausted, but are either monopolized or undeveloped. Let England break up her parks and game preserves and give Ireland a good land bill. Let Ireland drain her bogs and cultivate her sea fisheries. Let Russia either exterminate or pacify her revolutionists, and every country support their own poor. If a few of these evils which tend to lower the standard of morality were righted, then America would become a free country, its people American citizens, and the Star Spangled Banner would be forever supported by brave and honorable men." Give us more papers like these, and The Freeman will at all times laud your societies.

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams of Chicago, of national repute and fame as a lecturer, appeared last Thursday evening at Central Baptist church, and lectured to the various women organizations of our city, subject, "The Negro Woman's Place in History." The lady proved herself thoroughly conversant with the subject and dwelt mainly upon the need of a large sympathy for the colored women in the South; that the men and women of the North should take advantage of the public libraries, art galleries and all places that tend to refine and ennoble mankind. That women should make the home a place of comfort, and to encourage the young of the race to live nobler lives, and to inspire them to be virtuous and true in life; that the ministry could be made better by the women; that the race need to be self-reliant, and should endeavor to take advantage of every commercial avenue that may be opened, and that in order for them to compete with Caucasian women they should educate themselves commercially.

CHURCH AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Alphelena Johnson, formerly of Columbia, Mo., who has been spending a few months in our city visiting friends and relatives, has gone to St. Joseph where she will reside in the future. She leaves many friends who regret her departure.

Mrs. S. W. Wilson of 2306 Franklin avenue, who has been for some time visiting friends at Kansas City, has returned home and will be pleased to receive her many friends as before.

James W. Dorsey, a St. Louis boy now on the road with Richard and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, is making quite a hit with his slack wire walking and feats of juggling.

A cake-walk in Stolle's Hall last Monday engrossed the exercises of two ambulances. Two of the steppers are in the city hospital and the others will appear in police court. The Quaker Club, which ranks second in society to the "400," arranged for the cake walk and invited the Douglass Club and the "400" to compete for the prize which was a step-ladder, copper-rivited, ironside, dyspepsia-breeding affair with a sign reading "cake" on the top. It was in the middle of the hall, and the dancers walked about it. The deciding point in a cake walk is the style and manner in which the corner is turned. Occasionally a couple would be declared out of the contest because of "coarseness." Soon the contest narrowed down to two couples—Dave Premer and Effie Smythe of the Quaker Club, and Alex Moore and Tootsie Ragdale of the "400." After an hour of walking up and down, the judges gave the cake to Dave and Effie, then hurriedly left the hall. The announcement caused consternation, and the members of the "400" revolted. In a second, razors all over the hall glinted under the lamp lights and then the lights went out. When the police arrived those who had not been injured were gone, and the wounded were stretched out ready to be removed. The cake was scattered over the floor like a barrel of saw dust. The most seriously injured were John Watson and Alex Moore. They are at the hospital, and the others were locked up after their wounds had been dressed at the city dispensary.

George Moore, a bell boy at the Lindell Hotel, found a pocket-book containing $40,000. It was the property of a Western woman, who believed she had lost the wallet on the streets, but the boy had given the money to the office, and after the lady had identified the papers therein the same was returned to her, and the boy was handsomely rewarded. This goes to show there is much honesty among the Negro race.

A mystery surrounds the fire which took place at Memphis Hawey's Horse Shoe Hotel, 1415 Market street last Monday. Hawey is missing, and Henry Clark is under arrest on a charge of setting fire to the building. Shortly before the fire Clark was seen with a bucket of coal oil. Several rooms were saturated with the inflamable liquid. A warrant charging Clark with arson has been issued. Hawey escaped and his whereabouts are unknown.

El Bethel Baptist church, North St. Louis, was a scene of scandal last Wednesday night at the regular church meeting. The pastor, P. G. Boggs, absolutely refused to re-instate the members unless each paid the sum of $1.00. Upon this announcement the women made a rush for him, and but for the herculean strength of the male members, he would have been torn to pieces. He lost no time escaping through one of the windows which had been been broken by the mob, minus his overcoat and hat, which was found the next day in a back yard near the scene of warfare, cut in shreds almost beyond recognition. The field is such a warm one, that Elder Boggs will seek a more congenial clime.

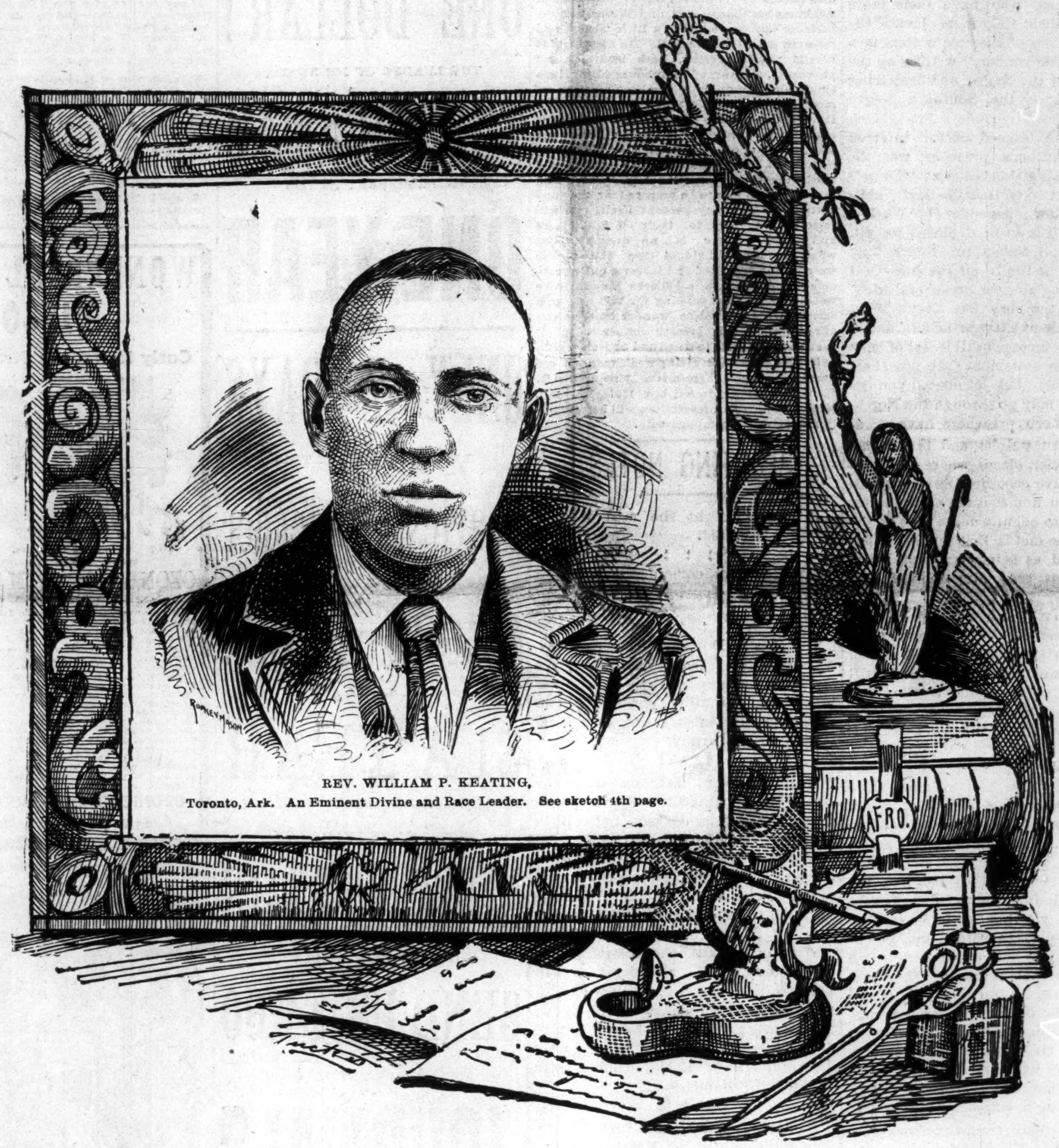
Miss Adelynne Wilson, our gifted elocutionist, has just returned from a trip to the City of Mexico. Miss Wilson has organized a company which will take the road on or about Feb. 1, and will be known as the "Zambonian Co." An advance agent has already been dispatched, and is now making dates for the company. The Freeman congratulates Miss Wilson, and hopes that she and her company will be prosperous.

Miss Laura Williams of West Lucas avenue, has returned from Hannibal, where she spent the holidays, and expresses herself as having been pleased with the visit.

Mrs. Lottie Chambers and Henry Goodrich, of South St. Louis, gave a reception to their friends last Wednesday, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Ardella Garrett, daughter of J. W. Garrett, died last Tuesday. Her many friends and acquaintances extends to the bereaved family their sympathies.

Wm. P. Dye has been appointed as a deputy to Sheriff Troll. There are now two colored deputy sheriffs, but we need more, and will push the matter until we receive the recognition due us.



REV. WILLIAM P. KEATING,
Toronto, Ark. An Eminent Divine and Race Leader. See sketch 4th page.

A Serious Accident.

Chillicothe, O., Special.

The news reached here Thursday that Viola, the little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, of Lancaster, O., was instantly killed by the street cars. The frightful accident occurred near the home of the little one. Firemen from No 14 engine house carried the mangled remains to the house of the Jacksons and Coroner Haerr was notified of the accident. The coroner viewed the remains. Wm. Kelly, the motorman of the car, was arrested at his home on a charge of manslaughter, by Officer Horstmeyer. It is claimed that the car was running slowly at the time. Mrs. Jackson was out shopping at the time of the accident. When she returned and saw the mangled body of her only child, she fell, death resulting almost instantly from heart disease. The husband and father is almost insane over his double loss. The remains were removed to this city at the home of Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seward, 58 W. Seventh street, from which the burial will take place to-morrow at 2 p. m. Mrs. Seward, the mother of the deceased, is lying very ill from the shock.

A Serious Cuting Affray.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

John Bastic was seriously and probably fatally cut by John Lankfont on Saturday night Jan. 9th. The babe of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith died on the 11th inst. Mrs. Smith is seriously ill at this writing. Born to Mrs. Fannie Whirley a fine boy on the 10th inst. The revival at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church has not been successful on account of the inclemency of the weather. It was delayed last week, but is again being carried on. Sunday Jan. 3d, was quarterly meeting day but owing to the weather it was postponed until Sunday Jan. 24th. The Missionary Baptist will engage in a revival at Pleasant Hill Baptist church in the near future.

THE NEGRO IN THE SOUTH.

ADDRESS OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON THE 13TH INST.

His Plea for the Education of the Negro as a Means of Elevating All People of the South—Must Begin at the Bottom.

From Indinapolis Journal.

Booker T. Washington, of the College for colored people, at Tuskegee, Ala., addressed a large audience the 13th inst., at Plymouth Church, Indianapolis, Ind. His subject was "The Negro problem." In part he said:

"It is my wish to assure you that I do not come here merely in the interest of educating a few hundred young men and women at Tuskegee, neither in the interest of the Negro in the South more than the entire Southern population, regardless of color or of race. Those of you who understand slavery, will, I think, agree with me in the thought that the influence of slavery, did almost as much permanent harm to the Southern white man as to the Negro. And those who understand conditions in the South to-day will agree with me when I say that so long as the rank and file of my people in the South are in ignorance and in poverty, so long will this ignorance and poverty be made the foundation or pretext for the Southern white man's dragging himself down. If a white man steals an ignorant Negro's ballot the Negro suffers temporary injustice, but the moral degradation that comes to the white man guilty of that theft is permanent, is eternal; and so, my friends, I repeat that I speak not in the interest of Tuskegee or the Negro alone, but in that broader, higher and deeper interest, that of all our brothers in the South.

"Those who fought and died on the battlefield performed their duty heroically and well, but a duty remains for you and me. The mere fiat of law could not make an ignorant voter an intelligent voter, could not make one citizen respect another, could not make a dependent man an independent man; these results come to the Negro as to all races, by beginning at the bottom and gradually working upward toward the highest civilization. Few of you, I fear, realize what you ask the South to do immediately after the war. Returning to their destitute homes after years of disastrous war to face blasted hopes, a shattered industrial system, your Southern brethren had to reorganize or create a new industrial system and put on foot, out of their poverty, a system of public schools Besides you ask them to add to their own burdens and perplexities that of preparing in education, economics and politics for citizenship within a few short years, 4,000,000 of former slaves. That the South, staggering under the burden, made mistakes, and that in a measure disappointment has been the result no one need be surprised. But for the generous hand of individuals and organizations in the North who early came to the rescue, the present condition of the South would be much worse.

"In the gulf States 85 per cent. of our people are on the plantations, but the problem there is not a discouraging one if we keep in mind the idea of self-help. The Negro on these plantations works and earns money enough to support, educate and church himself. Our people on these plantations do not need, neither do they ask, that charity be scattered among them, but they do need to have educated men and women sent among them who can teach them habits of thrift, economy, better methods of agriculture, how to take the money that now goes into whiskey, snuff and cheap jewelry, and put it into the purchasing of land, building of decent dwellings and school houses. Eight years ago one of our graduates began work on one of these plantations where the people were in debt, mortgageing their crops, with a school taught in a log cabin and lasting but three months Now in this same community I can show you men out of debt, owning their farms, a school lasting seven months and a complete revolution in the religious, industrial and educational life of this community. Not a dollar came from the outside, but they had this teacher to show them how to use their earnings. This my friends, is what Tuskegee stands for.

"The problem as between the races will work itself out. Trade commerce, is fast bringing the North and South together, and this force will bring the white man and the black man in the South together wherever there is estrangement. Here again is the value of industrial education. In slavery the Negro was tied to the white man through the bill of sale. In freedom the Negro must tie himself to the white man through the bonds of commerce and by the cultivation in every manly way of the sympathetic good will of his next door neighbor. The black man that has $5,000 to lend will have no trouble in finding freinds and borrowers among his white neighbors. The black man that manufactures the best bricks in his community will always find white men to purchase those bricks. When a Negro has the best farm to be found in his county every white man will respect him. When a Negro is the largest taxpayer to be found in his county his white neighbors will not object very long to his voting and having that vote honestly counted. In all parts of the country there should be a more vital and practical connection between the Negro's educated brain and his opportunity for earning a living.

"For nearly twenty years after the war we overlooked, except in the case of Gen. Armstrong, at Hampton, the fact that every large

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MINISTRY OF THE SOUTH

DEFENDED. AND THE SOUTHERN NEGROES VINDICATED.

The Real Condition of Things Misunderstood by the Masses—Race Literature Appreciated—Good Feeling Existing.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

It is useless for me to attempt to depict the popularity of The Freeman. Its praise have been sung from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the gulf. The influence of this great Negro journal is felt in every intelligent community within the borders of this great Republic. I have had the pleasure of crossing pens with some of the ablest writers o race through its columns, and by some of my scattering thoughts, which therein have appeared, I have become acquainted with many leading men, whereas otherwise we would to-day be strangers to each other. Such writers as Dr. John M. Henderson, Rev. R. C. Ransom, Rev. C. A. A. Taylor, Ph. D., Augustus M. Hodges and Dr. M. A. Majors have added much to the popularity of this great paper, and from time to time, when The Freeman reaches its destination, and an article is seen written by either of the above named writers is devoured with extraordinary relish.

In The Freeman of Jan. 9, '97, an article appeared under the caption, "The Power of the Press," from the able pen of Dr. M. A. Majors. His vindication of the press and declarations regarding its influence for good are worthy the attention of the reading public, and his appeals or advice to the race should be heeded, but his slurs at the South and Southern ministry are features deserving particular notice, and in this article I call upon the thousands of readers of The Freeman to notice particularly what I shall say. There are many who are not acquainted with the conditions existing in the South-land, and who are not familiar with Southern institutions, after reading Dr. Major's article, would be led to believe that, but for the coming of a few Northern ministers to the South, the ministry there would be a set of scoundrels and rascals unworthy to teach God's word or unfit to enter the society of decent men. There are a few people who are far away in the North where Jim Crowism and mob law do not exist, and where they are secure from insults, etc., always ranting and resolving about the race problem, and "Resoluting" and "Resoluting," and when that is done, that is all there is in it, and the Southern Negro is hard at work amid the institutions of the South, bringing about a better state of things day by day.

Literature, books, newspapers, etc., are read by Southern Negroes other than in restaurants and barber shops. Also you do not have to go to "The cities" to find culture and refinement. Thirty years ago, when the belching cannons of war ceased their noise, and the smoke of the battle cleared away, and four and a half millions of Negroes stepped from the chains of bondage into freedom, the mightiest problem of the centuries appeared for solution. Since then, everything that could be connived, good or bad, has been written and said, yet to-day the work to be done is still of great magnitude. No class of men since time began, have done more to solve this great problem, and teach virtue and pure morals than the Negro ministry of the South. Their works have met the smiles of heaven, and the fruits of their labor are seen in every section of the Southern part of our great country. Schools, colleges, organizations of charity, homes of culture, and in fact everything that goes to elevate a people can be seen in the South, which mainly are the results of the teachings of the ministers of the South.

The good doctor would have you believe that the Negro ministers of the South are doing all in their power to "Land his brudders on Canaan's shore," and nothing more. You of the North who have never come South are invited to come, and see what the Southern Negro minister has done and is doing for the elevation of the race. Taking the great A. M. E. church as a criterion the world can see what the Negro ministry of the South has done in other directions than trying "land their brudders on Canaan's shore." While this great church was confined to the North it was insignificant in comparison to what it is to-day, since her borders have surrounded the fair Southland proper.

The clarion voice of the Southern Negro preacher has been heard in her councils, and from the colleges of "Pine Nots," and the universities of hard trials have come some of the greatest men of our times Turner, the young preacher of Georgia, traveling, preaching, toiling till two continents now hear the Bishop Turner as they do no other man of the race. Others toiling and laboring among their continents till the General Conference at different times have called to the bench of bishops such men as Grant, the Negro born (as he says some times) in a cart, who to-day like a meteor is flashing over the country singing life into the race—a man who stood before the present governor of North Carolina, and predicted like a prophet what will befall this nation unless fair play is granted the Negro in the race of life, Gaines, the man who is on record as being a scholar, preacher and a teacher of morals.

To-day at the head of some of the general departments are Southern preachers—men to whom the world owe respect and gratitude. Dr. H. T. Johnson, the great editor of the Christian Recorder, whose firery editorials are always full of thought and logic, and a man who can measure arms with any of the leading men of to-day. Dr. M. M. Moore of Florida, who holds the keys to the treasury of the connection is a Southerner to the manor born. He has traveled over the sand hills of Georgia, and up and down the lagoons of Florida, and in the open huts erected for preaching, he has poured forth his eloquence on the side of right, thereby shaping the destinies of the race till he was called to his present position, amid the applause of men from every quarter of this country.

Dr. H. B. Parks, the black secretary of missions, the pride of the church, is a Southern man. His voice now lingers in the ears of tenants on the sugar farms of Louisiana and the cotton plantations of Mississippi. Now while he occupies an office in the Bible House in New York, his undying efforts to elevate his constituents here in the South will ever live. Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, and in fact every once slave state holds within its borders ministers who have done more with their little fingers to elevate the race than many of the race writers who are "way over yonder," writing up the conditions of the Negro and describing the defects of the Southern Negro preacher.

Again, the learned doctor inferred that the Southern preacher was the teacher of this statement, viz: "There's no harm in two of God's believin' chillun lyin' down togedder." While I grant that it is to be deplored by all, that now and then a preacher's "foot slips," and he "falls off the cross"—I am not apologizing for preachers' wickedness, but the very fact that a great deal is said about a few preachers' meanness, causes a contemptible set of men to make the statement that preachers are rascals, etc., but let me tell you the truth: You may go through the North, where Southern preachers have occupied Northern pulpits, and then come South and visit places where Northern preachers have occupied Southern pulpits, and you find that ten of the latter turned out to be untrue, to one of the former. The fact is that the South has been classed as being ignorant, hence these villians presuming upon this ignorance have been caught. I have a pamphlet that was gotten up by men who have been for twenty years exposing ministerial dirt, and from it gained the above mentioned facts. This will hold good in every denomination. You will find more Northern preachers leaving what they call "God's Country" and coming down here hunting places, than you do Southerners going North, and you can also hear of more little rumors behind many of them than you can count, and bless your soul some of them are D. D's., Ph. D's., L. L. D's., and M. D's., and such like, and before they are here long, they too, like Dr. Majors are finding fault with the Southern Negro, yet they will not roll up their sleeves, so to speak, and go out among the great bulk of our people and labor for their elevation, but they will manage to stay in the "big cities" and live off the fat of the poor wash women and other toiling Negroes, and write up great firery race articles and send them away on the other side of the Mason and Dixon line, and have it appear that they are doing wonders down here.

Of course there are many exceptions to the above. When the poor circuit-rider or Baptist Missionary who for weeks and months have been out in the swamps, and on the farms, teaching the great mass of Negroes how to live, and gain wealth and education, I repeat, when he comes to the city and goes to the church pastored by this Northern D. D., he is met by him with a cold, "howdy, brother; how long will you be in town? You might come around to my office (?) to-morrow; good day—I am busy just now." The poor fellow goes walking down the streets disappointed, and in a few weeks he arranges for a "big day," has the doctor's name hurled everywhere, and at the appointed time the doctor appears. The country or small town preacher meets him, carries him to his home, his dear wife does everything in her power to make him comfortable, and the "little fellow" then gives the doctor a big introduction to his people and he delivers his great (?) sermon or address, receives his pay and returns to the city and tells his people that he had a great time "out in the sticks." Yet with all this, the South is rapidly growing intelligent. Revs. Lampton, Dangerfield, Rankin, Tyree, Murchison, Wade, Connon and many others of the South are men worthy the respect of any community. When we look outside of the ministry for Negro leaders, men who are working out the great problem that confronts the American people, we find the Sunny South lifting to view Hon. John R. Lynch, the peerless statesman and eminent orator, the man who is battling to break the fetters that binds Mississippi Negroes to a horrid constitution James Hill, the irrepressible national committeeman, N. W. Cuney, the political magnet, Booker T. Washington, the educator and many others.

The South, however needs the assistance of race lovers and the sympathy of the world. Mob violence, social caste, disfranchisement of citizenship, and many other white man aristocratic absurdities are prevalent throughout the South, and no wild crying or empty "wherefores" will stop them. There is an under current of better feelings existing in the hearts of the better element of whites in this section, and the Negro only comes in touch with this sentiment as he prepares himself for citizenship and its great responsibilities. The Southern preachers are moulding this sentiment, and it is seen everywhere, Dr. Majors to the contrary notwithstanding.

REV. J. G. ROBINSON,
Columbus, Miss.

FREE CURE FOR MEN.

A Michigan Man Offers to send his Discovery Free—Claims to be a Benefactor to Weakened Mankind.

A citizen of Marshall, Mich., beleives he has solved the problem as to whether life is worth the struggle. In his own particular case there is no doubt but what he is glad to be alive, and the secret of it he agrees to send free to any man who will take the trouble to write for it. From his statement it appears that for many years he suffered with extreme nervousness brought on by circumstances that happened before reaching an age when men are supposed to know what they are doing and to measure the consequence thereof.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weakness peculiar to men and it was this experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit. He asserts that his 10 years suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm that leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will not only brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself, but will restore the parts to their original size and vigor. There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak, may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him but little to do so and he feels a philantrophic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves. A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, box 1206. Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription will be promptly and privately complied with.

SPORTING NOTES.

In a prize fight the man who is worsted is bested.

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Frank Bryant, colored, stopped Emil Beck, white, at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.

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The Dixon-Downey battle, which was originally scheduled to take place at the Broadway Athletic Club, has been postponed until February 6, two weeks after Dixon's meeting with Australian Billy Murphy.

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Billy Newman, matchmaker of the Bohemian Sporting Club, has received a letter from Peter Jackson, who is in England, stating that he would not fight again unless it was to fight Jim Corbett. Newman tried to get Jackson to meet Peter Maher at the Bohemian Sporting Club for a purse of $5 000.

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William Catskill, the colored boxer of Newburg, N. Y., who is out on bail as a result of the serious injuries he inflicted upon Dan Flanagan, also of Newburg, during a finish fight at Low Point Jan. 2, made a brave rescue from drowning a 10-yr old lad, in a mill pond at Fishkill, January 11.

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Bald, the bicyclist, says that the victory of the colored lad, Marshall Taylor, in the handicap at Madison Square Garden, recently, was fairly made and meritorious, but that he has been pestered to death by allusions to it from every one he meets and in letters he has recieved ever since. Taylor gained a reputation in that ride that will last for some time, and since then has received many offers from men willing to back him to enter the sprint races of another season.

Birthday Party—Personals.

Athens, Ala., Special.

Rev. Frank Vaughn, pastor of the the Cumberland church and wife have gone home on a visit. Rev. Warren who is pastor of the C. M. E. church, has moved his family here. We extend to him our heartest welcome. Rev. Moore who is pastor of the Baptist church, preached a splendid sermon Sunday evening. Miss Ford, a northern white lady gave a recital at the Congregational church Monday night. George Friend gave a grand birthday party down at his home at 9:30 o'clock and a delightful supper was served. Mr. Charlie made a flying trip to Decatur Sunday. Miss Nannie Long, one of the students of Trinity Hall, has returned to college from a Christmas vacation. Rev. M. S. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, is carrying on a week of prayer. Mrs. Sidney Foot who was sick with la grippe, is up again.

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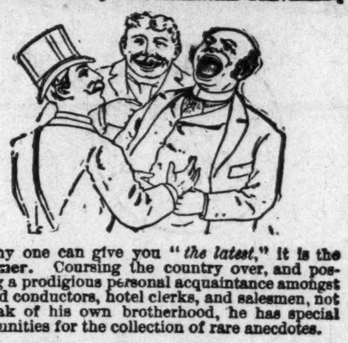

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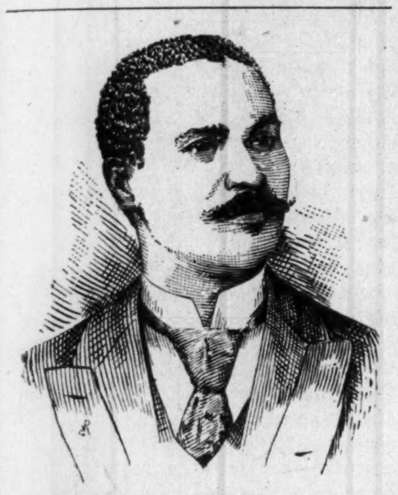
There has not been a single man appeared in the professional life of America, who, at the age of 37. has accomplished so much or gave such promise of a surpassing career as the hero of this story, Dr. R. F. Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., president of the American Association of Colored Physicians and Surgeons, and who has for a number of years been a Professor of Gynaecology in Meharry Medical College, and Surgeon-in-Chief of the Meharry Hospital which is connected with said school.

In youth he was a most assiduous student, he completed his literary education at Central Tennessee College and his medical course at Meharry Medical College and afterward took a special course in the Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital, at Chicago, on the disease of women and children. Other men have taken the same course only to become impracticables in the every day affair of the world. Not so with Dr. Boyd. He came home full-armed, ready alert, ambitious and determined to make a name and fame for himself as an American citizen. He projected his line of life carefully. He seemed to anticipate his own future, he proceeded patiently and rapidly. Every obstacle in the definite course he had marked out was overcome. Finally he had in his possession property amounting to over $25,000.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No youth more brilliant has this land known. A scholar with whom the surgeons are familiar, a politician who keenly apprehended the popular desire, a student who found no labor too arduous if conclusions might be reached, a man of opinions grounded in philosophy that compelled respect, a leader among his fellowmen by virtue of his common sense and his intuitive perception of right policies commanded. His will is invincible, but his motives are pure. His purposes are definite, but they are exemplary and lofty. His self-respect is intense; therefore he strives hard to do justice to others. He is ready to forgive a wrong when it proceeds from an honest difference of view. He seeks no mean advantage, being jealous of his own honor. Sincere himself, he demands sincerity of others. He never disappoints a friend; he never ignores an obligation; he never forfeits a confidence. Being true to himself, it follows, "As the night the day," that he cannot be false to any man.

As a republican he is well grounded in the principles of his party, and is an earnest advocate of them, and a ready defender. While the doctor has devoted himself almost wholly to his profession, he has given something to the public good. In 1892 he was placed on the Republican ticket of the General Assembly of Tennessee. While the ticket was defeated, as was expected, Dr. Boyd ran a head of some of the white candidates. In 1893 the colored people were discriminated against by the democratic and republican executive committees, and were given to understand that their votes were not wanted. A mass meeting was held to resent the insult and to put out a citizens ticket. This was done and Dr. Boyd was unanimously placed at the head of the ticket for Mayor of Nashville. The ticket recieved the support of the registered colored voters and forever silenced the guns of our would-be-disfranchisers. It he had been electod we believe the expectations of his friends would have been fully met by his success in the path he had chosen to pursue. He possesses singular qualifications for a successful political career, combining to a degree the qualities of a shrewd, practical politician and party manager with those of a thoughtful and intelligent student of public affairs.

The advancement of the human race is by the struggle for existence and by the survival of the fittest. That the lower classes must drop by the wayside and give away to the stronger is essential to the progress of the whole. The weeds in the field and the grass of the prairie are individual organisms, with the same right of existence, all but their usefulness to man, as the wheat plant and the fruit tree, but on the cultivated field the farmer destroys the life of the weed that the grain bearing plant may live, and plows up the grass by the roots in order that the full tree. Thus what is called feeble by strength of the orchard plat may be diverted to the developement of the fruit sentiment, prejudice of race is the true guarantee for the advancement of mankind.

Dr. Boyd entered upon his duties here with his professional work in an incomplete state, incumbered too, with the general direction of the eye of the leading white physicians, and with a feeble constitution already impaired by excessive mental labor. He set about his work with the eager and intense energy of one who runs a race with death. His indomitable will carried him forward needless of the protests of his over taxed physical powers. Handicapped as he was in his work here he soon impressed with the leading physicians and surgeons of the country, and he was readily conceded a place among the strongest and brightest of them. From a little room 12x14 where he first launched his "shingle" to the breeze and gaze of the public he has grown to the beautiful, spacious building and office, on Cedar street, of which he is proprietor. The comers to the city in order to realize what they have previously heard of the success and reputation of the genial Doctor, make it their indispensable business to visit occasionally the office of this one.

We can say that he is dignified in bearing, gentle in his manners, and couteous to all, he invites the friendship and confidence of his fellow citizens. He is candid and bold in his opinions, and he lives above the trickster and demagogue. He is well fitted both by education and practice for the exercise of high and important trusts, and it is his laudable ambition to write his name among the noblest and the best of American surgeons.

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Notes From Honea Path.

Honea Path, S. C., Special.

E. Arnold, Alonzo Mattison, Peter Smith, Frank Mattison, John Sampson, Luther Sampson, Gabriel Datcher and Esther Roberts own property in town. N. A. Datcher runs a suceessful confectionery and shoe shop. G. Datcher is the leading carpenter and barber in town, he is also a good shoe maker. Arnold & Mattison and Peter Smith run a successful blacksmith shops. Among the boys and girls who are attending school this year are: John Sexton, Clarence Robinson, and Ode Miller at Orangeburg; Samuel Miller and Luther Miller at Benedict College; John Beeks, at Brewers Normal institute; Will Mattison, Misses Anna Agnew and Maggie Butler, at Abbeville; Misses Anna Sampson and Monon Sexton, at Atlanta, Ga; Jas. Peyton, Joel and W. A. Mattison, T. B. Burts and others own farms in the country. The Anderson Singing Convention convened at Belton, Jan. 9-10, with B. F. Lewis, pres., J. H. Lewis, sec'ty. S. A. Armstrong has moved near Belton, where he will farm this year. The Honea Path graded school is under the management of J. H. Rhoden, a proficient teacher. W. C. Armstrong speaks of going to Texas. Miss Laura Lewis is convalescent. Rev. S. Lewis preaches at Sweet Home every fourth Sunday. Miss Maggie Mattison is teaching school at Cedar Grove, Miss. Miss Janie Foster, of Welford, is visiting her uncle R. J. Golightly. Mrs. Essie Armstrong is spending a few days with her mother, near Belton. Subscribe for for The Freeman through its agent John R. Armstrong, and know what the race is doing.

Eufaula News Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mrs. Mary Anderson meet with a serious accident Friday the 7th. One of her feet was crushed by the car near the depot. At this writing she is resting very well. Mrs. Faitha Johnson dropped dead Tuesday evening the 4th. Her funeral was attended at the Baptist church by Rev. G. W. Jackson. The Benevolent Society attended. Rev. L. F. O'Bryant of Columbus, Ga., spent several days in Eufaula last week and preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church. Sunday the 10th was quarterly meeting day at St. Luke A. M. E. church. Presiding elder J. S. Shaw filled the pulpit at night. Subscribe for The Freeman, $1.00 a year. The funeral services of Miss Clara Ashmon took place at the baptist church last Sabbath eve. Rev. J. W. Jacksoh officiated. Call on W. H. Wallace and subscribe for The Freeman.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE GRAND OLD FATHERS WITH US STILL.

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the African Methodism in the State—State and Conference Pride—No Reflection Intended

Thirty years ago Bishop D. A. Payne raised the standard of African Methodism in the state of Tennessee. Most of the fathers who composed the galaxy of pioneers have long since gone to join the silent majority; but a remnant remains. It is gratifiying to note that they sowed well and faithfully the seed of African Methodism in the state, and there has sprung up a crop of Tennessee preachers who are manfully carrying on the work committed to their hands by the fathers. There are scores of ministers in the conference today who, although they were mere Sunday school chaps, well remembered the happy days gone by when Fathers Kirkman, Tyler, Brooks, Williamson, Woodfork, and Clayborn administered the bread of life to the people. Many of the boys feel today like giants in the cause. The spirit of the fathers are with them still.

A movement is on foot to celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of African methodism in the state during the Centennial at Nashville this year. A joint commission of the Tennessee and West Tennessee Conferences has been suggested to the Bishop (which he has approved) and a meeting of the same is called to assemble in Nashville, Jan. 28th, to arrange for this anniversary. This delegation is composed of some of the leaders of both conferences and a stronger body of men could not easily be found in the connection. But without using any white-wash in this article, it is only fair to state that unfair methods have been imployed to bring about this affair. Seventeen men constitute the joint committee; and less than majority are native, African Methodist-born Tennesseans. Of the Tennessee Conference delegation, only one of the fathers have been honored. while nearly half of the committee are men who know nothing whatever about the early history of our state work more than what they have heard. Now, I not am raising a war against transfers. Far from that. But I think that the men who have helped to bring this conference down to us through thirty years of toil ought to be noticed once in a while. Where is Gilmore, Bowman, Early and Young? Where are the host of younger men who were reared in the church in this state? These men do not speak through the press, but they are not all dead. I think it is high time that we were learning some good "horse sense." Suppose Brother Nixon were transferred to the Georgia Conference, and placed in charge of Big Bethel, Atlanta, and suppose that the Georgians were preparing for an anniversary, would it be natural for the brethren to choose him into their preparatory councils aud ignore their leading men, simply because he was pastoring a leading charge in the state? What would Bro. Nixon know about Georgia? Ought not he feel honored already by holding one of the best appointments? Would he not be an ingrate to not willingly accept ot even a place on the program at the celebration?

All these brethren are my friends. I mean no reflection towards them, and I know that they have the good sense to acknowledge that I am right. I am not envious, nor jealous I trust, but I have some state pride and conference pride. That committee might have been easily composed of the fathers of the conference and simon-pure Tennesseans, and no one would have taken offense. The committee would have taken delight in appointing our best talent to duty regardless of his nativity or former conference relations.

We would like for our thirtieth anniversary to be a success, but at the rate we are going now, many will say, "well we are not in it, a few strangers are running it, and so let them have it." I, for one, am unwilling to proceed along this line. Let no one think that this is any arrangement of Bishop Salter's. He is simply acquiescing in what he is led to believe to be sentiments of the brethren. This commission has a two-fold duty to perform. Beside arranging for the anniversary it is called to consider the educational interests of the two conferences.

I am a member of the executive board of Turner Normal Institute, and secretary of the General Board of Trustees of the school—the only one in the state, and yet according to the call, I am not expected to be present at the meeting on the 28th inst. The omission of my name could not have been an oversight or printer's error. It is desired that the meeting will result in much good being accomplished, but some reconsideration is necessary.

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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

We are not well advised as to what defects may exist in the laws regulating school matters that may apply specifically to the colored people. We rather feel that there is nothing in the statutes that work an evil to the people as a whole. We are inclined to believe that the disposition of school affairs as regards places of attendance is for the benefit of the colored people, whether wittingly or unwittingly brought about, when all circumstances are considered. It smacks of spleen rather than public weal to rush to the legislature and storm the inaugural doors with a bill that present discriminations between the lines. Everybody in Indiana is receiving an education that wants it, whether it be on a dunghill or in marble walls, nor does it matter. The question is like many others that effect the Negroes dwelling en masse. The spirit of the constitution is violated constantly, but not the letter. The letter is: That all are to have equal facilities for requiring hnowledge. The spirit of the law we have no right to contend for in this one instance, and ignore it in all other cases. The letter of the constitution of the United States is daily denied, to-wit: Mobs, election laws that disfranchise, "jim crow" cars, etc. We do not need go so far; the doors of the better restaurants, hotels, regardless of your civil rights bill, are shut tight as death against the Negro. A forced fruition is insipid, and will not wash down readily. It will take time to develop a feeling of mutuality in the races and not forced. Every Negro "smarts" under the galling conditions that makes him an annex to civilization, but such he is and no more. But the fact that he crosses the threshold of a school room without being admitted, is no more galling than to cross the threshold of a thousand stores and yet not be admitted except as porters. It is quite as galling to know that there are hundreds of fat offices in the state of Indiana and that no Negro fills any of them. It is quite as galling to know that there is not a Negro in Indiana who receives $1,500 per annum as salary. Is it not moral cowardice to attack the institution that affords the greatest relief for the congested state of Negro affairs? Is it to be presumed that if these other conditions are yet not overcome that these teachers will train the minds of those who hold up this embargo in all of these places of business? They tell the present teacher to go South. Well are not the Southern Negroes human? Do they expect to fare worse in the world than their Northern brother? Is the Northern brother conceited? They say that the school were not made for the Negro teachers, but for the children. They mean that they were made for any person except the members of their own race Is it not a trifle more elevating to have two score efficient teachers in our midst than to attempt to install them in kitchens? Does "kitchens" here sound vulgar? [Suppose next week we turn out these two score teachers and all the world would be as heartless as this city to boot; would not these girls land in these places or act as chamber maids? Suppose it is honorable, do we propose to establish a race of chambermaids solely? Suppose the children did go out of the way somewhat; what will come to these children in the end were they nearer home with white teachers? Is it to be presumed that they will teach the white children if they now repudiate their own teachers? Suppose only forty could teach at once, is not forty people of some consequence? Would it not be better to have forty teaching, supporting on an average of five people directly or indirectly, than to have the same forty at the rear end of some uptown mansion? What do our girls attempt to do that come out of school? Can not the schools take care of a large per cent. of the graduates if the management is treated decently? What would they do were the schools abolished? Why do they not do that now? In view of the limited chances for good employment, is not that the first consideration of Negroes? Are they not fools if they do not think so? Is not the matter of livelihood a battle royal for all Negroes? Does it not tax his ingenuity to merely exist? Is it time to cultivate sentiment of this kind when three out of five race women must turn somersaults in a washing tub to keep up decent appearances? Is it not money what the race needs? The church stands yet—the solid Negro church with no diminution in membership. No one is storming the doors of St. Paul, St. Peter or St. Luke for entrance where Christ is free and where there is a standing invitation. The colored citizen goes the circuit of the town to find his favorite spot for worship. He feels that this is right and regular. Here they may drink in heresies that damn their souls to hell, or ignorance that condemns them ever on earth. These same children whose minds and physical make-up are so endangered in colored schools are entrusted for heavenly guidance, oftentimes to mountebanks pure and simple, the parent often having full knowledge of the same. The teacher on the other hand must be learned, must be moral, or else his tenure of office is very uncertain. The teaching class in any community represents the intellectual class. It is that class that produces the data from which is estimated for the race's advancement. They are the largest stone in the race's society wherever they exist. They are the ones that form the frame work to which is pinned the fabric of race society. To destroy them without offering a substitute in the way of an employment, is an offense to race prosperity. We are not on the footing of other races and will not be for five hundred years. When the hot tropical Negro blood ceases to tint the face, and the features take on a different aspect, then we will have the broad guage of circumstances. Educate your girls if you will to a high point of expectancy and with the other hand steal from them their footing and a condition worse than separate schools will obtain. Educate them along side of affluence and wealth, and affluence and wealth must come at any sacrifice.

We take great pleasure in announcing the candidacy of R. F. Boyd, A. M., M. D., of Nashville, Tenn., for the Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Dr. Boyd stands very high in his profession. He is the president of the American Association of Colored Physicians and Surgeons. He is a professor in and has charge of Meharry Medical College in Nashville. In his private infirmary he devotes six hours work per week gratis for the indigent poor. He does free surgical work two hours each Saturday. In all, we find the Doctor a very large hearted, philanthropical gentleman, who is well worthy to succeed in his aspirations.

Mr. Perry Heath, who was a great moving spirit in the past campaign, is being considered for the position of private secretary to McKinley.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH.

BY J. C. M'ADAMS, SHELBYVILLE, TENN.

It's all right to give big lectures;
Talk of justice, each to each;
But the best thing after all, sirs,
Is to practice what we preach.

Many a man is good at gabbing,
Eloquent, beyond our reach;
But the grandest thing of all, sirs,
Is to practice what we preach.

We may have no education,
Still, sirs, we will ever teach;
If along life's rugged pathway
We do practice what we preach.

As we travel through this nation,
From the mountains to the beach,
Let us hold aloft the motto:
Always "Practice what you preach."

AN UNSUITABLE AMERICAN NEGRO.

"An unsuitable American Negro. The Sierra Leone Weekly News contains the following: 'On Monday, Sept. 21st, a mass meeting of the members of Zion Chapel A. M. E. church took place in said chapel at 4:30 p. m., in which the members unanimously expressed their entire dissatisfaction with the newly appointed pastor, the Rev. L. C. Curtis, from America, stating as their opinion that that gentleman is unfit to hold the pastoral charge of Zion, as his literary attainments in his pulpit ministrations, marriage ceremony and burial of the dead as exhibited by him do not meet the advanced age of the community, thereby rendering his presence disagreeable.'"—Lagos Standard.

The above indictment against Rev. Curtis, an American Negro, sounds a warning against the misfit preacher, who, as a rule, feel that Africa is a field of ignorance. This may be true of some parts of Africa, but in other parts there is a very high degree of intelligence, in fact, higher than what obtains in America. The newspapers from these quarters are paragons of exactness and neatness. The thought, sentiment and language are of the highest order. Their leaders are University men, educated abroad. They speak and write with a University fineness that is foreign to American writers as a rule. Their style seems, often, heavy and labored, but it never fails to give evidence of thorough preparation. They do not go off half cocked, as we say in our vernacular. The little squib above speaks volumes. It says that Africa does not welcome anything but the best in the way of leadership, or spiritual or intellectual guides.

LIKE OLIVER TWIST.

The State Capital, published in Springfield, Ill., laments the fact that the Negroes did not fare fairly at the hands of the state legislature. It says:

"It is a sad fact but nevertheless true, that the Negro has been ignored in the issuing out of positions in the gift of the Legislature and State administrations. With the exceptions of the appointment of Mr. Hicklin as watchman in State Treasurer Hertz's office, Mrs. Davis as custodian of the ladies toilet room, and R. S. Donaldson in the coat room of the senate, and possibly one or two janitors, the Negro has been entirely left out Never in the history of politics was the Negro so ignored by a Republican house and senate as the present Legislature has done. No door keeper, no policeman, no chaplain in either house Notwithstanding these facts; notwithstanding the prospect of patronage looks dark and dreary for the faithful Negro, we still have explicit confidence in the leaders of the Republican party and believe that in the next few days they will give the Negro the justice due him."

What are they looking for, or what are they used to any how? That is about what Indiana set out for its faithful.

A scheme for higher education in the vicinity of Sierre Leone, Africa, is being agitated at present. An attempt has been made to establish a West African University, but so far the scheme has not been attended with much success. However, it is insisted that the crying necessity for an institution that affords a liberal education to African youths, is so potent that the effort will not be given up without a heroic struggle. Such men as Dr. Blyden, Sir Samuel Lewis and Rev. J. Johnson are interested.

Mr. Louis Riebold, who has so long been at the head of affairs at the Bates House as proprietor, and who has made it famous, is about to retire from that hostelry. It is a pleasure to know that he will build a hotel according to his own notions. Persons who are acquainted with Mr. Riebold's hotel ideas can appreciate what he undertakes. He enjoys a reputation for being friendly and kindly disposed to his men, treating them with the greatest consideration.

John Sherman admits it, so it must be so. The role of Secretary of State while new to Mr. Sherman, yet on account of his ceaseless grasp on public affairs, he may be considered very "versatile." McKinley, to our notion, has chosen well. It was Sir Rogerly Coverly who, when asked an opinion on a judicial question, always answered by saying, "Much could be said on either side."

The nearest school idea is very good, but it is loaded at both ends. The law would include the whites and doubtless would be compulsory. This means that the Negro teachers must go. Our young legislator should go slowly or he will take away the greatest number of positions the colored people have at one fell swoop.

"The re-election of Sir Samuel Lewis as Mayor of Freetown, is another token, if any were needed, of the high position Sir Samuel holds in the esteem and regard of the community of Sierra Leone, and the reliance which is placed in his capacity for the faithful discharge of duty. It is Sir Samuel's probity, integrity and high sense of duty which has secured for him the respect and admiration of his countrymen."—Lagos, Africa, Weekly Herald.

It is needless to repeat that Sir Samuel Lewis is the Negro who was Knighted by Queen Victoria.

There should be some kind of law that would stop Negroes from attending their churches, as they are very far away, and furthermore, the teaching they get might not land them in heaven. Legislature please consider.

No one is able to ascertain just what the late money convention did do. Whatever was done, or was not done, has been assailed by both parties. Newspapers of both parties pretend also to see much good as the result.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Bi-enniel Report of the officers and directors of the Indiana State Prison South, thanking Mr. Alvin T. Hert, warden, for the same.

Church Notes.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The remains of Miss M. Marshall, who died at Chicago, arrived here last Sunday morning and was buried Monday afternoon at Greenwood cemetery. Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church, is succeeding nicely in building up his church. Several church societies have been organized and are doing good work, in building up the church interest, quite an interesting revival is being held, which is largely attended. The following officers have been elected for Payne Chapel A. M. E. church: Thos. Smith, Supt; Mrs. M. J. Alexander, Asst. Supt; Miss M. Sampson, Sec'ty; Miss A. Norman, Asst. Sec'ty.; Miss R. Craig, Treas.; A. Johnson, libarian; and Miss M. Works, assistant libarian. The following teachers are W. H Newman, Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Mrs. M. J. Alexander, Miss R. Craig, Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. D. Davidson and Miss C. Riley, organist. The Mite Missionary society met last Tuesday at 2 o'clock, at the A. M. E. Sabbath School. Mrs. T. Sampson has been on the sick list.

Election of Officers.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special,

Officers were elected in the Household of Ruth last week. P. N. G., Letha Hedgespath; M. N. G., Miss Hattie Evans; R. N. G. Mrs. Susie Lewis; N. G. Lillie Hedgespath-Cousins: Worthy Recorder, Mrs. Mary Morgan; Worthy Treasurer, Mrs. E. Whalin; Worthy Prelate, Mrs. Margaret Shepard. The Fredrick Douglass Literary was held at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening, Mrs. Letha Hedgespath presided. Miss Bessie Hackley sang a solo, entitled: "The Bridge; Reading by Mr. Morgan subject: "The Royal Path of Life"; a "Sketch of the life H. W. Longfellow" by Mrs. Wheatley; "The Psalms of Life," by Mr. Williams, of Baptist College; Quotations from Longfellow and readings, by Mrs. Laura Frazier. A number of papers were not read owing to coming in late. Mr. Lewis, of New York, was the guest of Gilmore Phillips last week. Miss Hattie Evans will leave last week. Mrs. Hattie Bradley, of Ostemo, was the gueet of Mrs. Johnson, Friday. Mrs. Gilmore will visit Chicago next week.

Meeting of the Hook and Ladder.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

At a meeting of Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co., at their hall Jan. 12th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. N. H. Fryer, foreman; E. Mincer, assistant foreman; W. R. secretary, J. J. Williams, assistant secretary; W. W. Wallace, treasurer; D. S. Johnson, engineer; L. C. Gardner, chaplain; Tom Thomas, marshall; L. M. Bevlie Tillman. The following names received a donation: B. R. Daniels, Rueben Turner, Mrs. Mary Anderson, and Richard Jackson. Miss Rola Raines died here Tuesday 12th. Her funeral was attended from St. Johns A. M. E. church, Rev. John Harmon officiated. Mrs. Massie Beauchamp departed this life the 12th. Mrs. Matilda Brown died Jan. 14th. The funeral was attended from Antioch Baptist church. Rev. J. D. Maddox officiated. Rev. W. C. Banton preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation last Sabbath at 11 a. m. Subscribe for The Freeman, $1.00 per year, W. H. Wallace agent.

"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"

CAN NOT APPROPRIATELY BE SUNG BY THE RACE.

Reminiscences of an Address Delivered by Editor Harry Smith, of the Cleveland Gazette, at a Banquet Last Winter.

Editor Freeman:

Hon. H. C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette quotes in his paper under date of January 9th the following paragraph from an article of mine in The Freeman of December 12th:

"The Republican standard bearer in the late campaign and Republican leaders have been coquetting with the South for a number of years, and regardless of the fact that these states were practising wholesale nullification of the ballot and were stealing from the Republicans scores of congressional districts and of whole states where the majority of those Republicans happened to be black, questions relating to the constitutional rights of the Negro so far as his right of franchise is concerned have been wholly eliminated from political discussion both upon the stump and in the press."

This furnishes him a pretext to rush to the defense of the President-elect through nearly two columns of the Gazette's valuable space, in an effort to prove that my statements are untrue and hurtful. Hon. H. C. Smith, The Gazette's editor, does not go before me in admiration for Mr. McKinley, and it was far from my thought to attempt with my puny power to detract from the great achievement of the gifted son of my native state. I do not claim to be infallible or free from errors of judgment, but I do claim to be neither a sycophant nor a servile flatterer stooping to every conceivable posture in the hope of gaining political favors. We neither seek nor desire any political office or presidential appointment for ourselves, and ask no higher privilege than to speak without rancor or bias upon all questions of general and vital interest to the race.

Notwithstanding the labored efforts of Mr. Smith to prove our statements false by means of copious extracts from the speeches of the President-elect, we see no reason to change a single word we have set down. We have stated that the Republican standard bearer in the late campaign has been coquetting with the South. In saying this we had in mind his ante-convention tours to various sections of the South, notably in Georgia and Louisiana. This is what we meant by coquetting with the South. Is it not true? We have said that Republican leaders, orators and the Republican press had eliminated from discussion in the late campaign questions pertaining to the Negro's constitutional rights so far as his right of franchise was concerned. In the same article from which Mr. Smith quotes we said: "They have studiously avoided giving offense to the South in regard to its treatment of Republicans there but have counselled the South to drop race issues and unite with them on the question of protection and thus bring to that section a new era of material development and financial prosperity."

We further stated in the same article that: "We see no cause for rejoicing on the part of colored men in the fact that the Republican party is making inroads on the Southern states until we shall be able to discover in those states a willingness to respect life, liberty, free speech and the constitution of the United States."

And farther, that it was not in our power to change the issues that are before the American people; that it is our duty as patriotic Americans to use our influence toward their just settlement, but that while doing this, we should urge upon the administration and party leaders, to discountenance by all means at their command the barbaric legislation which has disgraced the statute books of so many Southern states, and to use their power against the further consummation of these political infamies

We have no axe to grind and no envy for an editor who is trying from the sheets of his paper to forge wings with which to fly to the nation's capitol. We have said that questions, relating to the vital interests of the race, to which we have referred, were eliminated from discussion upon the stump and in the press of the Republican party in the late campaign. Is it not true? But why, may we ask, is the Hon. H. C. Smith so ready to bare his bosom in order to ward off shafts he thinks were aimed at the President-elect? Why is he so careful to separate the President-elect from the party leaders and the party press when he tacitly admits that what we have said is true of them but not of Mr McKinley? Why does the editor of The Gazette go armed with such powerful editorials? Aye, by the shoes of C. H. J. Taylor let the coveted threshold of the Recorder of Deeds office answer why.

By the way, the editor of The Gazette is in a peck of trouble just now over that, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," speech delivered last winter. He has been calling loudly for help and begging his newspaper friends all over the country to come to his rescue.

In order to gratify an inquiring public we will set down just what Mr. Smith did say as accurately as can be a certained. The following is from The Cleveland Gazette, Mr. Smith's paper, under date of February 8th, 1896: "The people of Columbus, Ohio, gave a reception to the three colored representatives of the Legislature last week. The governor of the state was present and made a speech. Hon. H. C. Smith made a speech in which he said that the American flag was nothing to our race and that he could not sing 'My Country 'Tis of Thee.'"

The above is quoted from the Conservator of Chicago with the Gazette editorial endorsement as we shall farther see. This same article in Mr. Smith's own paper says: "Representative Parham, the other colored member followed and scored Mr. Smith's utterances as unpatriotic." It is true that Mr. Smith's speech created a great deal of unfavorable comment at the time. A great many people thought and still think that as Mr. Smith had been nominated and elected by the citizens of "My Country Tis of Thee" and had taken his seat in the legislature to make laws for "My Country 'Tis of Thee" that his language was most extravagant and unpatriotic.

Again we quote from Mr. Smith's paper, the Cleveland Gazette of Feb. 8, 1896: "Don't fail to read Mrs Ida B. Wells Barnett's comment (on the speeches delivered at the Columbus reception) published elsewhere in this paper under the head, Bishop Arnett in Boston. It is extremely pertinent at this time. Singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," hurrahing for the American flag and repeating poll-parrot like the stereotyped expression that you owe your first allegance to this country" (as one Hamitic brother in Columbus put it,) don't secure our people, and this includes Bishop Arnett of course, their citizen rights, protection at home or abroad, Arnett and Waller for instance. It would do our people good, especially a good number of the Columbus brethren, if their ministers having the necessary courage to do so would call their attention very forcibly to this fact." Signed H. C. S.

It is one of the sad duties of and editor to write obituaries for the departed. The editor of the Gazette has been kind enough to write mine on more than one occasion. Being a minister it is also one of my sad duties to perform burial services for the dead. Let us conclude: Forasmuch as it has pleased an all wise political providence to remove the lamented Hon. H. C. Smith from any possibility of appointment under the incoming administration we, therefore, commit him to political oblivion. Please don't sing "My County 'Tis of Thee" Silence! "Requiescat in pace."

Reverdy C. Ransom,
Bethel A. M. E. Church,
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 15th, 1897.

REV. WM. P. KEATING.

An Eminent Pastor, Missionary and Laborer for His Master.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dec. 16, 1840. He was converted to the christian faith August, 1867, and was baptized in March, 1868; ordained in 1873, and shortly afterwards called to pastor Mary Bethel Baptist church, Jonestown, Miss. In 1882 he resigned as pastor of Mary Bethel Baptist church and went to Arkansas, where he has remained ever since his departure from Mississippi. In 1883 he was elected District Missionary, the district being composed of Monroe and Lee counties. It is said that as a District Missionary he gave general satisfaction to all concerned. The year 1884 found Rev. Keating in Jefferson county, and in July, 1884, he was elected pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, and in the fall of the same year he was elected pastor of New Hope Baptist church, and he still pastors both churches with success. Rev. Keating received his educational training in the Normal school of Jonestown, Miss., under Prof. S. B. Brown. He is a "whole sole" race man, and a dear lover of The Freeman.

Millville Dots—Personals.

Millville, Ark., Special.

Died, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown last Sunday. Had quite a lively time Sunday night at the church. Mesdames Branch and Dock Lee are on the sick list. Henry Greggs and Gabe Thomas quarreled over a slab buggy but no one was hurt. Mrs. Ellen Williams and Mr. B. Hall made a flying trip to Camden last Saturday. Mrs. Adeline Williams was down from Bearden Sunday.

News Notes—Personal Mention.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Last Sunday evening about 7:30 fire was discovered in the upper story of Mr. Thomas Gaskin's two story residence. Before the fire department was summoned the roof was in a blaze. By heroic efforts the house was saved from total destruction. At the time of the fire Mr. Gaskin was in Marion, Ind. Rev. Roberts is convalescent. Mrs. Adeline Wheeler entertained at dinner Rev. S. Burrell, L. W. Ratliffe and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Woods. A social was given at the Second Baptist church last Thursday. The A. M. E. people are holding soul stirring meetings. Misses Blanche and Ora Byrd are on the sick list. A pleasant party was held at the residence of Miss Lizzie Miller last week. Those present report a pleasant time and an abundance of pop corn. J. A. Brady made a business trip to Indianapolis last week.

Sam Lucas is now with Isham's Octoroons.

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Black Patti Troubadours are playing to excellent business.

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Sam T. Jack's Creoles are packing the Palace Theatre, Boston, this week.

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Isham's Octoroons are booked to appear at Park Theatre, Indianapolis, next week.

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Miss Zoe Ball is now singing the part of "Josephine" in H. M. S. Pinafore, with Sam T. Jack's Creoles.

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Harry Martell's South Before the War is booked to appear at the Empire Theatre, Indianapolis, next week.

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Lottie Merideth, of Isham's Oriental America company, left the show in Chicago, on account of poor health.

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Sam T. Jack's Creoles are doing the same good business in the East, and are receiving flattering press notices.

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Owen Evans, formerly of South Before the War, and Sam T. Jack's Creole companies, is resting up at Indianapolis.

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Doc Sayles, the principal comedian with Sam. T. Jack's Creoles, is taking three encores nightly, singing "Dora Dean."

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The fame of Lillian Thomas-Fox bids fair to rival that of any elocutionist of any race. In her dialect impersonations she is a wonder.

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James W. Dorsey, a St. Louis boy, has joined Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels. He is making quite a hit with his slack wire walking and feats of juggling.

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George Wilson, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, has written a topical song, entitled: "What we Would do, if the Law Would Allow Us," which he is singing with much success.

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Hillman & Perrin are scoring a big hit with Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels in their new and original musical act, entitled, "Washday in Music-ville."

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James DeCosta, formerly with Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company, joined Sam T. Jack's Creoles, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is singing the part of "Ralph Rackstraw," in H. M. S. Pinafore.

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The Comique Comedian George Wilson, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles has put on a new skit called "The Coons on Parade" in conjunction with buck dancing, which is the real thing.

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Smart & Williams in their indescribable melange of singing, comedy and buck dancing, are keeping the audience in a continuous uproar; they are with Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company.

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Miss Adelynne Wilson, the gifted elocutionist, of St. Louis, Mo., has organized a dramatic company which will take to the road about Feb. 1. Miss Wilson has just returned from a very successful trip to the City of Mexico.

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Flora Batson, the "Queen of Song," appeared in grand concert, in Arlington Hall, Chicago, Jan. 18. She was assisted by Miss Sallie Jones, the musical wonder; Prof. Chas. Wold, the great soloist on musical glasses, and others.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Farrell, of Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company, hold the distinction of being the "Champion Cake Walkers" of the United States; having won the same in a contest at Madison Square Garden, New York City, against 208 contestants.

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The Nashville University Students and P. T. Wright's Grand Colored Comedy company is composed of the following artists: Miles. Ida Lee Wright and Anna Scott. Messrs. P. T. Wright, P. G. Lowery, P. G Hampton, C. P. Johnson, C. F. Richardson, W. A. Dean, J. A. Stewart, E. O. Green, W. Andrews, M. H. McQuitty and W. H. Rider, A. H. Montgomery and Jesse Wilbur.

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John J. Christian, late of the Colored Sports company, who is now in Providence, R. I., where he is having constructed at the Columbia Theatre, that city, when finished will be the most costliest and finest roller skating act ever produced by any skater living; the act consists of an elevated board 20 ft. in length, 10 ft. in height and only 15 inches in width. This elevation will be supported by pretty nickle rods; along on top of the board will be brilliantly illuminated with colored electric lights. On the top of this board, with a pair of skates, with only two wheels on each skate, he will skate and execute many difficult feats.

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Blind Boone Concert Company appeared to a large and appreciative audience in the Y. M. C. A. parlors at Austin, Tex., Jan. 7th. The Austin Evening News says: "Chopin, Liszt, Raff and Gottschalk were all interpreted in an admirable manner. Plantation songs, some of them Boone's own composition, were interspersed and aided to make the occasion more enjoyable. Boone's comic songs were very amusing and catchy. They have the swing and beauty characteristic of R. DeKoven's comic ballads. The features of the evening were the rendition of Liszt's Rhapsodie Hungroise, and Boone's Marshfield Tornado. Every musician interprets Liszt's Rhapsodie in a different manner. The great Paderewski makes it seem like another composition; Sherwood plays it as a piece of music, but catches some of the emotion and the excitement of the approaching battle; Scharf plays something like Sherwood but immitates him. Boone immitates no one; he is himself, and plays as if he understands it. The beautiful march theme towards the last is played by Blind Boone in a hurried and irregular manner in order to properly depict the confusion of the charge. His Marshfield Tornado, is a magnificent descriptive piece and shows the thunder, wind and rain up in fine style. Boone's improvization upon Dixie and Suawnee River are remarkable and brought forth tumultous applause. He is a whole show in himself. While he plays his body vibrates to and fro in strict time to the music. This motion has been with him since childhood and he can not control it.

Installationof Officers.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Kev. T. L. Smith and wife have returned home from Columbus, Mo. The Independent Knights and Daughters gave a series of entertainments with financial success. Rev. Bundy has left the city for the northren district, Iowa and Dakota. The shorthand and bookkeeping school that is taught by Prof. Young is improved and scholars are solicited. Mr. and Mrs. George Jones are at their new home, 213 North Thirteenth street. Mrs. John Givin is quit sick. Mrs. Rollin Brown after an extended visit with her father, Mr. Frank Anderson, returned to Chicago, Ill. The United Brothers and Sisters of Friendship will have their installation the 28th. Rev. Orange of Canton, has been called to Seventh street Baptist church. Mrs. Frank Robbins entertained the Whist Club Wednesday Jan. 13th at 5 o'clock tea. The revival at Pilgrim Rest Baptist church is in progress.

Removing of the Fire Department.

Columbus, O., Special.

Harry Singleton, a prisoner from South Carolina, died in O. T. the 13th. Dean House arrivals, Mrs. Overton and daughter, Dayton, O.; Mr. Edwards and wife, South Carolina; Fred Clark and wife, Louisville. There is a great deal of sickness here at present. A great deal of feeling was aroused here by the action of the chief of the fire department in the removal of the colored firemen to an isolated house on the West side, as a large majority of the citizens in the vicinity want the colored firemen to remain where they are as they have so conducted themselves that their removal will be bitterly opposed. One reason as stated by the chief that there was not a colored engineer in Columbus that was capable of running an engine. There are several colored engineers in the city who have passed the examinations and have a certificate. Harry Barkly who was night engineer at the West side power house for four years is engineer at the Y. M. C. A. building. Among the many engineers of color are Messrs. Spencer C. Utakele and Chinn.

N. B.—There are five colored men in the Indianapolis fire department viz: Thomas Howard, captain; John Allen, lieutenant; Tom Smith, driver; Samuel Dorsey and Charles Floyd, linemen. Their house is No. 16, situated on the corner of Sixteenth and Ash street. There is a two-horse hose wagon but no engine stationed there.

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THE NEGRO IN THE SOUTH.

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slave plantation in the South was in a measure an industrial school, that during slavery we had in constant process of training a large number of youths in carpentry, wheelwrighting and all the usual mechanical pursuits. As an example of this training, the first cotton gin that was ever built in Mississippi was the result of a Negro's skill. For years the most successful bridge builder in the South was a colored man. But since the war we have not held our own in the mechanical world, because during the first twenty years of our free life, except at Hampton, no attention was given to hand training, and we did not realize the position we were in till, as a result of the death of these men and women who received hand training in slavery, we found that we had no young men to take the places of the old mechanics, and the trades that we once had a monopoly of in the South were going into the hands of white mechanics from the North and from foreign countries. Almost all at once we found ourselves being pushed to the ragged edge of these important industries instead of being their head and center as in days of yore. During slavery the Negro was not so situated that he could feel the force of competition, but to-day he is called upon to compete with the white man in agriculture, in mechanics, in domestic science and the professions, and while he has the muscle, he lacks skill and brains to such an extent that he is not holding his own in the industrial world.

"What I am trying to do at Tuskegee with our 800 students is to give them so much brains and skill that they can so control the forces of nature—water, horse power, electricity—that they can make nature do the work just as the white man does. Taking this view of industrial education, you see at once that, so far from being something to teach the Negro to work, it teaches him rather how not to work as in ante-bellum days; it teaches him how to lift labor up out of toil and drudgery into that which is glorified, dignified and beautiful. More and more we must give attention to this industrial training or we go to the wall as a race. Even now in many parts of the South there are industries that mean, as it were, our life-blood, that are gradually slipping from us—especially is this true of laundering, nursing, contracting, wood work and iron work. Shall we shut our eyes to these important facts or shall we face the issue and prepare ourselves to compete with the rest of the world?"

Society Events—Church Notes.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.

A number of strangers have located in the city since last we wrote, namely, the 24th Infantry. Many of them are energetic and intellectual young men in the service, which makes quite an addition to Salt Lake's society. The Progressive club is the most popular society club in the city. The ladies of the club kept "open house" on New Years' day, at the cozy residence of Mrs. P. W. Jackson, and entertained about one hundred and fifty callers. Mr. and Mrs. Haines, of Parsons, Kansas, are in the city, they expect to remain permanently. Miss Garner entertained a number of friends at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Chas. Patton Wednesday evening. The string orchestra from Fort Douglass rendered some beautiful music during the evening. Games and conversation were the amusements, afterwhich refreshments were served. The hostess spared no pains to make it a pleasant affair. The Sunday school of the A. M. E. church has since the appointment of its new officers, been doing good work. The officers gave a "rainbow" concert Wednesday evening. The Autumn Leaf club expects to give a literary program soon. The A. M. E. church is in a flourishing condition under the leadership of Rev. Mathew Jones. Great things are looked for this year in church works. Salt Lake's citizens would be pleased to see Hon. G. L. Knox, of Indiana, appointed Recorder of Deeds, as he is one of the greatest Negro advocates in the country. Mr. Goins of Denver, Col., is in th city, he is so well pleased with our great mormon city that he will move his family her soon. The Progressive Club made up a theatr party and attended the performance given by Louis James. Although our leading daily journals were fighting because the 24th Infantry which is composed of Negro men were ordered here and the 16th Infantry, composed of white soldiers, were ordered elsewhere, the 24th Infantry has won the respect of all the leading people in the State. They lead the 16th Infantry in every respect.

A. and M. College Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Dr. U. G. Mason who has just been placed by the board of Mayor and Council of Birmingham on the medical staff of that city is an honored graduate of this school of the class of 1891. He was an earnest, successful student and a young man of highest integrity, having the love and respect of teachers and fellow students. All of the class of 1891 are doing well in various positions in life. The work of the school is moving along alright and President W. H. Councill is greatly encouraged. Dr. S. A. Steel, the editor of the Epwortrh Era, Nashville, Tenn., delivered his great lecture on "Home Life in Dixie During the War" Friday evening. All were charmed

News of Interest.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The concert at the Baptist church, with W. B. Davis as star, was a grand success. The program was up-to-date. There are six schools in Shelbyville. Mrs. A. R Winters is in Fayetteville conducting a class in physical culture for Rev. J. A. Jones. Lee Trail is becoming an expert on his bicycle. Little Clemmie Burkeen is quite sick, not expected to live. Mrs. Alice Myers is slowly recovering. Horace McFadden has been pardoned by Gov. Turney, and is now at home. T. T. Ransom is contemplating a visit to Kansas. Anderson Buchanan has made some neat improvements on his home. Thomas Washington and Miss Jarret were united in marriage last week. A reception was held at the home of the groom. Many of our best citizens were present. Miss Lucinda Washington came home from Fisk to attend her father's wedding. Mrs. Mary Burkeen has moved to the West end. Prof. J. W. Patterson is preparing to give a closing exercise. The Mozart society will soon resume its practice.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

Appropriate Program Rendered—Personal and Society News.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The Emancipation Celebration was largely attended at the City Hall on Friday, Jan. 1st, at 11 o'clock. The exercises were opened with a song by the choir, led by Rev. W. H. Coleman, of the A. M. E. church, who was musical director, after which Dr. J. W. Holmes, chairman of the meeting, called on Rev D. G. Griffin, who offered prayer Dr. J. W. Holmes made the introduction address. Music, overture played on the piano by Misses M. E. Lacy, Fanny Chisem and Mrs. Susie Watson, all three playing on the piano at once. Reading the Proclamation by Mrs. Gussie Longstreet. Address by Prof. J. L. Wilson. Music, "Red, White and Blue." "Progress of the Negro since Emancipation," by Dr. J. M. May. After singing "America," the meeting closed. J. L. Wilson dismissed the audience. On the sick list: Rev. J. H. Gaston, Mrs. F. R. Kay, Mrs. Annie Avery, N. D. Taylor, A. D. Washington, Miss Mabel Miller, Miss Annie Patterson, E. R. Oliver and F R. Kelly. Dr. T. H. Butler, well known in Meridian, died at his residence Sunday morning, the 3d inst., and was buried at the city cemetery, Rev. C. L. Harris, officiated. The waiters of the Grand Avenue hotel will give a grand peanut cake walk at the City hall next Monday night. The Institute for colored preachers and deacons will commence on Monday, Feb. 8th. Mrs. Lizzie Adams, while doing house duty, was painfully injured by stepping on a hot nail. The New Hope Baptist church people will have a rally day on the first Sunday in February for the benefit of the pastor. On Sunday, the 10th inst., at 3 p. m., Rev. L. W. Watson, assisted by Rev. Warner Reed, preached Alfred King's funeral at New Hope Baptist church. Rev. Campbell has been transferred from St Paul M. E. church at Meridian, Miss, to Enterprise.

A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other source, that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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In the African Territory Controlled by England There Are 15,000,000 Slaves Valued at $50 to $100 Each—Immoral Whites.

A lecture was delivered by Mr. Heli Chatelain, at Chickering Hall, New York City, Jan. 6, under the auspices of the Geographical Society, illustrating with stereopticon views, picturing the horrors of the "open sore of the world," says the New York Mail and Express. Mr. Chatelain was for many years United States Commercial Agent at Loanda, West Africa, and his long experience and intimate knowledge of Africa and its people give peculiar value to his observations and suggestions. As a matter of sentiment and Christian duty he is devoting his life to the work of exterminating human slavery in Africa. It was through his efforts that the organization has just been completed in New York of the Phil-African Liberators' League, with offices in the United Charities building.

Mr. Chatelain said that in the great continent of Africa, in a territory 5,000 miles long by 4 800 miles wide, human slavery reigns supreme. What Stanley called "the open sore of the world" is still open. There are no fewer than 50,000,000 Negro slaves in Africa, 2,000,000 being the annual consumption of the markets. In the maintenance of the frightful trade 500,000 lives are yearly sacrificed. For every captive that reaches the coast alive, eight die on the march from the interior, of starvation and abuse. The idea that the Arabs are the only slave traders is a delusion. The Negroes themselves sell their children. In the interior, Negro women are the only beasts of burden.

The city of Morocco is nearer Washington in a straight line than is Liverpool, and in Morocco, naked women are sold in open market by dealers who have sought the American flag for protection. In Trippoli and Egypt slaves for harems are publicly sold. In one territory there are 266,000 slaves in a population of 400,000. The mortality among slaves is so great that seven years is their average life. The Sultan owns 30,000 slave, and Tippo Tib owns above 10,000. The fact that slavery flourishes under English rule is not denied by the English officers, but they say that a hasty reform of the evil would result in a general Arab outbreak The Zanzibar Arabs could not exist without slavery. The Portuguese government abolished slavery in their territory, but nearly all plantation work is still done by slaves.

British official reports prove the existence of slavery, and in the African territory controlled by England there are 15 000,000 slaves, valued at $50 to $100 each. In every large market 500 slaves are usually on sale, and every considerable town has its market. A thousand are frequently brought in from one raid, and one result of the traffic is perpetual civil war in the interior. Slaves are used as currency, and 5,000,000 of them are thus in "circnlation."

The horrors of the trade are unspeakable. Millions die in transit to the coast, and there is one highway through the continent that is strewn with human bones.

"During my twelve years of unpaid service in the African cause," said the lecturer, "I have had abundant opportunity to become acquainted with African slavery and slave trade. I know the roots of the system; its workings; its fruits. Gangs of slaves, ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred at a time, from all parts of the interior, scarred and starved, walking skeletons, picking up dirt to beguile the gnawings of hunger, have again and again passed before my eyes. And I could not help! In agony of soul, I had to turn away and try to forget. But the thoughts of it clung to me; it preyed on my vitals; it helped to bring me down to the borders of eternity.

"Emerging into convalescence, I vowed that, rather than wither under the stare of that vision I would die, if need be, in the attempt to create, in America, a League for Liberators, which would achieve for captive Ham what, shortlived and single-handed, I could not hope to accomplish. To help forward this movement by word or deed, editors of the secular and religious press, preachers of the Word, philanthropists, and all those who, with the enjoyment of freedom's privileges, realize the duty of helping others to the same blessings, are earnestly, hopefully, appealed to.

"Last in the order of time, America may yet, with their potent help, take the lead in this international movement for the wiping out of slavery through the triumph of Christian civilization in Darkest Africa."

The plan of Mr. Chatelaine's Phil-African League is to be found in Africa settlements of liberated slaves in accordance with the Brussels act; to teach them to improve native house building, farming and industries; introduce trade and new culture of saleable produce; teach them reading, writing, arithmetic geography and non-sectarian Christian religion; submit each colony to a code of rules designed to exclude the main causes of the African's miseries and of the ruler's difficulties, which causes are; Witch doctoring (practical poisoning), legal ordeals (from which thousands die year after year), and all heathen practices; polygamy, with all its evil concomitants, rum and hemp-smoking; idleness, immoral white men.

To found and maintain a settlement of 200 men and women for one year will cost $10,000. The second year's cost will be $200, and in a few years the colony will be self-supporting.

Tuscumbia Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Julia F. Ross is convalescent. Mrs. L B. Meredith and daughter, Miss Julia, have recovered. There was a a large fire in Florence on the 8th. Many thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed. The churches in our city are moving on nicely. Rev. Thompson, the presiding elder of the Courtland district of the C. M. E. church was a distinguished visitor in the city last week. The Friday afternoon exercises of the city schools were excellent on the 8th. Miss H. H. Scoggins lectured to the city school literary society on the 15th. There is a splendid corps of teachers in the schools. Prof. Trenholm, the principal, has arranged and established, by some means, a good reading department, which is creating a vast deal of interest. The reading room is for the school and public in general. Some of the leading papers of the race are to be found there. Prof. Trenholm is invited to speak to Prof. R. L. Hyde's school and patrons on the 22d inst., at Leighton, Ala. Misses Laura and Ruthie Simpson left the city on the 9th for Normal, Ala., where they entered the Agricultural and Mechanical College. That school was formerly known as the State Normal and Industrial school, out the Alabama legislature has recently made it the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes. There is now a good collegiate course in that institution.

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An Elopement.

Crawfordsville, Ark., Special.

Amos Waller, a Baptist preacher presiding over a church about three miles north of here, ran off with his step-daughter, a thirteen-year-old girl. The St. John Baptist church held their annual meeting on the 8th. Rev. J. W. Wymbs was elected pastor, and F. H. Steward, church clerk. The church made the pastor a present of $25. Every enterprising citizen of this community ought to subscribe for The Freeman, the leading Negro journal.

Emancipation Celebration.

Greensburg, La., Special.

Emancipation Celebration day was enjoyed at this place. A large audience witnessed the occasion. The pastor spoke on Emancipation. Mrs. F. M. Foster and Miss R. Melton read essays which were very appropriate. The new brass band led by Calvin Burton furnished music for the occasion.

Deaths Reported.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Della Barker died Jan. 9th. Mrs. Callie Pope died on the 7th. Gus McNeily and wife left Saturday morning for Poplar Bluff, Mo., where they will make their future home. He was one of the oldest barbers of the town and has been in business for twenty-five years. Prof. Wheeler of Gregory's Point, was in the city on the 9th. Hayes McClendon, of this city, is in Smithdale.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.
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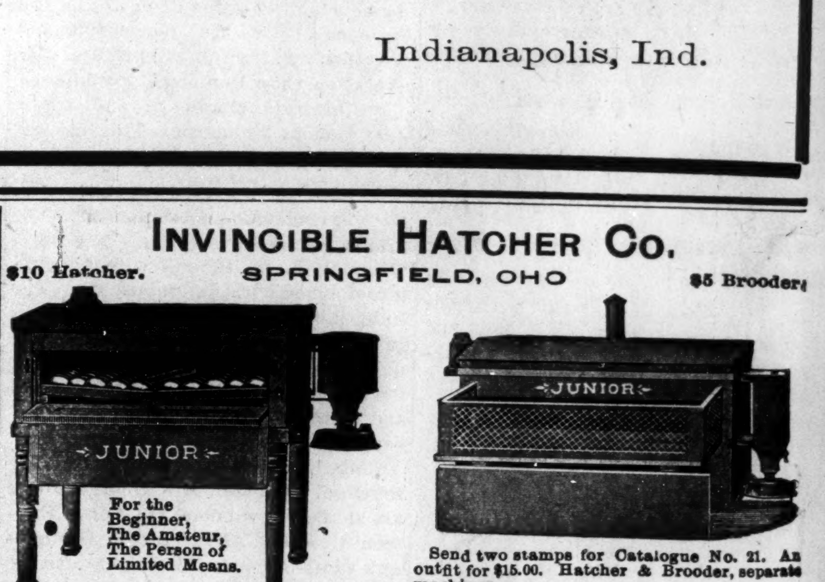

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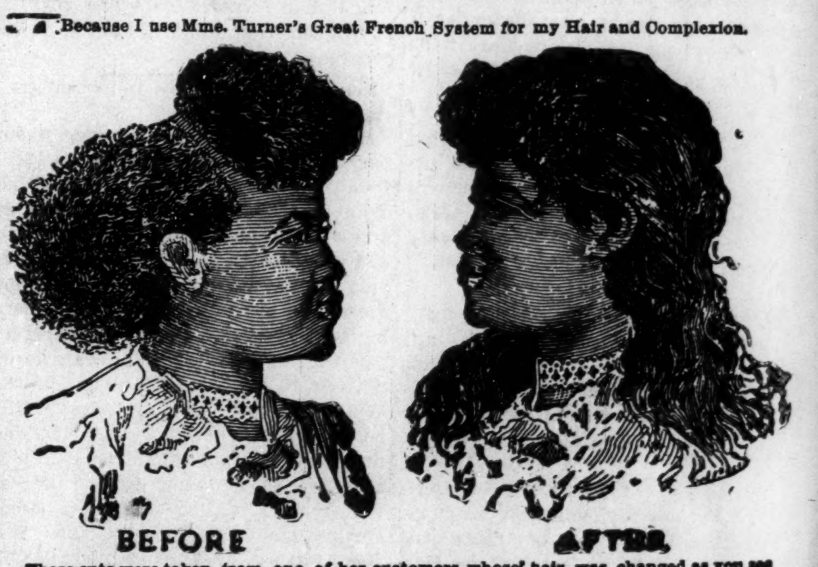

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THE PROGRESS OF THE RACE

AN EDUCATED MINISTRY HAS PLAYED WELL ITS PART.

The Race Church, Race Journal, Race School and Business Life Each have their Part to Play in Promoting the Advancement of the Race.

There is a class of Afro-Americans who disdain to read race journals, attend race churches or take part with race movements, and who are intelligent, thoughtful and fairly successful in life. This class is made up of individuals widely separated one from the other, and between whom there is little or no intercourse, social or otherwise. In every community in the North you can find many such families and in the South such instances are not altogether infrequent.

If our peculiarly race institutions depended upon the class above described, it is easy to see that we would soon have no such institutions. This is all I will say on this point. I do not seek to pass judgment upon the wisdom or moral quality of the disposition which makes such a class possible. In studying the race question we must get before us the social facts, the industrial facts, etc., before we can begin any process of reasoning concerning the quality and directions of progress, and the helps and hindrances thereto.

A recognition of the social fact above pointed out, shows us that there are a large number of individual Afro-Americans who have undertaken to solve the question of destiny as individuals and apart from race associations. It is the custom to heap abuse upon all such individuals, to question their motives and condemn their course; all this is unfair and unwise. We should simply let them go on their way unmolested and should carefully study their progress, and thus learn what we can by observing the experiment voluntarily made by them. There is another and very large class, usually termed the mass, which takes no interest in any race institutions except the church. This great and dense mass receives no inspiration to thought or action from our journals, our lecturers or our schools.

Then there is another class which is made up of persons who are eager to associate their endeavors and who are careful readers] of our journals and sincere friends[of our schools and earnest workers in our churches. It is to this class[that we must look when we study race movements. In the church these are the individuals who foster and support schools and papers, and who are ever ready to lend a hand to new and progressive measures.

Those of us who are connected with race institutions of any sort are thereby committed to the proportion that the race has a work to do as a race, and it becomes the part of wisdom for us to make constant and careful study of our needs[and to constantly adjust our methods to suit the changing circumstances of the year. We believe that the race church, the race journal, the race school, race business enterprises and race social life each have a part to play in promoting the advancement of the race. Some of us believe that the social life of the two races is to be perpetually separate, and some believe that this question should be left to regulate itself, but that civic equality should be sought with unrelenting endeavor. When this is won the separate school will disappear, but the race church[and race journal will still continue. The Afro-American church will exist as long as the social life of the races lie apart, and as long as such conditions obtain the race journal will have a work to do.

These facts reveal the importance of giving our best [thought and most earnest endeavors to the development of our church and our literature, especially our periodical literature.

In the early period of their existence, our church, school and press were but the expressions of certain instinctive tendencies, but as time has gone on, we have become more and more capable of re-shaping these institutions and adopting them to more comprehensive ends. At first our papers simply sought to give the small gossip of a small circle, but slowly they began to gather news of the movements in the life of the race. This progress has gone on until we now have some journals which discuss race institutions and the great questions relating to race advancement. (I do not include the race papers published before 1860, they were called out as champions of a definite cause and were on a plane to which the more recent journals have not yet attained.)

The same process of development has gone on in the church and in the social life of the race. Race leaders who died ten years ago would be utterly perplexed were they to come back and undertake to resume their labors. Those of middle age and more who have not been constantly in study and constant in reshaping their notions and methods, are now unable to comprehend present conditions and to render much of valuable service. In order to hold their places all unprogressive leaders are forced to maintain as a constituency the less progressive members of the race. Ignorance can neither lead nor rule intelligence. The massive proportions of the ignorant element and the natural presumption of ignorance largely curtail the influence of the more thoughtful and intelligent minority.

All progressive movements meet with the maximum of resistance. Bishop Brown was the earliest to take a decided practical stand in advocacy of education within the A. M. E. church. He had been preceeded by Bishop Payne who had steadfastly advocated an educated ministry. Bishop Brown (then an elder) put this into practical operation by establishing Union Seminary, out of which movement grew Wilberforce, of which Bishop Payne was the founder. With a better educated ministry came more advanced thought and methods and greater freedom of thought. The intolerance of ignorance slowly relaxed and the church steadily unfolded. Needs multiplied and were recognized and departments were created to meet them. That the A. M. E church has made steady progress is shown by the existance of a fairly well sustained Church Extension society. The success of this enterprise is the fairest possible test of the progress of the intellectual side of the church.

In the schools the same advancement has taken place, and such schools as Tuskegee have gradually been evolved. Thought is contagious and slowly the progressive element is overcoming the barriers of prejudice and ignorance. All of these facts should give great encouragement to those whose interests are cast with the race. All such should cease quarreling with or rather about the individuals who are going it alone, and should direct their attention to the constant development of all religious, educational, social and business institutions that promise good and should seek to permeate the less responsive mass and rescue from its depths all such individuals as have any progressive tendencies. I can conceive of no nobler task to which an Afro-American could give his life.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.
82 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Fort Custer, Mon., Specia .

Since the dismissal of Lieut. H. O. Flipper from the U. S. army in 1882, there have been so many conflicting opinions as to whether he was guilty or innocent of the charges preferred against him; so many stories current about his having been offered, by the president, his commission again with his original rank, and his repeated refusal of the same, that I have determined to ask the Freeman, the most progressive colored paper published, to give a short sketch of the life of Mr. Flipper so that it may be known what truth there is in these stories. It is a well known fact that he was dismissed on charges of embezzlement and misrepresentation; and as it is almost universally believed by Afro-Americans, especially in the army, that he was innocent of the charges, it does seem strange that he has never sought for a rehearing of his case, and more so, when should he establish his innocence, he would be able to secure his commission again. It hardly seems possible that an innocent man, a man as highly educated as Mr. Flipper is, could allow his name to go down to posterity in such disgrace without an attempt to clear himself before his countrymen.

In view of the high esteem in which military officers are held by the government, and the fairness with which it deals with those that have been wronged, it is safe to assert that should Mr. Flipper clearly establish his innocence he could very easily secure his commission again with the same rank he would now have had he never been dismissed the service, which would be captain. Every Afro-American in the country would be proud to see him again in the service. It is said that he is in the mining business and that he is a very rich man. I would like to know if it is true and I would also like to know what his address is.

AFRO-AMERICAN SOLDIER.

Election of Officers.

Fort Smith, Ark., Special.

The following officers were elected for the Baptist Sunday school the 10th Miss Ida Smith, president; Benjamin Moore, vice president; Miss Ada M. Clay, recording secretary; Miss Hattie Wilson, corresponding secretary; Miss R. F. Brown, treasurer; Miss Ada Lax conducted the choir. The church was crowded and a sermon was delivered with great force. A great deal of sickness in the city is occasioned by lagrippe. Rev. C. H. Whittington and family are on the sick list. Prof. E. O, Treent is on the sick list. The schools are crowded and are increasing rapidly under E. O. Treent's administration. Our churches are doing well.

Annual Masquerade Ball.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Miss Nettie Glen left the city Wednesday Jan. 13th for Detroit, Mich., for a visit to her uncle. She will be absent three months. Miss Lulu Scott will leave the city for Louisville, Ky., soon on a vacation. The Friends of Illinois Club gave their second annual masquerade ball at Arlington hall, 31st and Indiana avenue Monday evening Feb. 1st.

Monotonously plain—the prairie.

There are some Bostonians even who don't know beans.

Most sailors as a rule are all at sea when they're ashore.

It is nearly time for the fellow who started a diary to get tired of his job.

Yes, Maud dear, you may call a telescope a looking-glass if you want to.

Well, Constant Reader, one way to make "cats eat" is to substitute an "e" for the "c" and drop the final "s."

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Young Wigwag—"Pa, is terrapin game?" Old Wigwag—"Yes, my son." Young Wigwag—"Sort of a shell game, isn't it, Pa?"

He—"Jigjaw is found of using long words." She—"Is he so very learned? He—"O, no; but he stutters so that he makes a simple 'but' run across two columns."

Tomcat—"You used to have a soft job as a house cat, didn't you?" Maria—"Yes; I lost it because I was too fond of music." "Don't say?" "Yes; I ate my mistress' canary."

News and Notes.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

Miss Mary King has returned home from Cincinnati accompanied by Miss Florence Wheeler. Miss Sophia Thomas has returned to her home in Middletown, O., after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols died Jan. 9th. The Second Baptist church is holding revival meetings. Miss Lattie McKnight is visiting her sister, Mrs Roctin. Rev. Jackson of the First Baptist church has la grippe. Miss Lillian Ward returned to her home in Indianapolis Monday. The funeral of Joseph Rostin, an old soldier, was preached at the Wesleyan church and was largely attended.

The Poor Heathen.

The Freeman is to be congratulated on its superb holiday edition. Its symposium of contributions on several phases of the race question should be read by all. There is much food for thought in each of them. The contribution, "Where are the Heathen?" from the chaste and trenchant pen of Helen Douglass, is particularly worthy of special attention.

For many months there has not appeared in the columns of any race journal an article so replete in argument, so conclusive in logic, and so elegant in diction. The white American has seldom been arraigned in a manner so terrible, bold and just. Their cant, hypocrisy and brutality are discovered and laid bare as if by the penetrating light of cathode rays. The mask is torn from the face of American Christianity, moral philosophy, education and politics and its horrible hideousness disclosed. It is seen with an inscription upon its forehead which reads: "Injustice, Oppression, Outrage, Abuse, Deceit."—San Francisco Elevator.

A Comic Opera.

Niles, Mich., Special.

A grand comic opera will be given in this city about Feb. 22nd, under the management of Mr. John Howard. The best local talent is being secured, also talent from Dowagais, Mich., South Bend and Elkheart, Ind. There will be about forty voices. The Niles Mandolin Club gave a dance in the parlors of Hotel Niles on the 12th. Mrs John Curtis visited South Bend last week. Frank Jones has returned from Cleveland, O., to spend the winter.

Kee These Dates in Your Mind.

December 22, January 5-19, Febuary 3-16, April 6-20, May 4-18. On these dates, agents of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway, will sell settlers tickets to points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississipi, Virginia and Louisiana, one way, at special low rates. Persons intending to go South this winter or spring, will do well to call on any agents of the C. H. & D. Ry., who will not only furnish them with information as to the rates, but will also obtain literature, descriptive of the portion of the country to which they are looking. Agents will cheerfully assist any one in obtaining information who will ask for it.

Ellisville Dots.

Ellisville, Miss,, Special.

Ellisville is enjoying a boom, and is one of the best little towns on the N. E. & N. O. R. R. There are three colored churches here. Rev. D. B. Douglass, pastor of the A. M. E. church has been very sick. All the churches have excellent Sunday schools. We have had a great deal of sicknes, few deaths.

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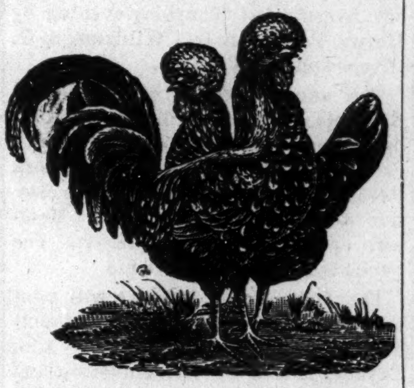

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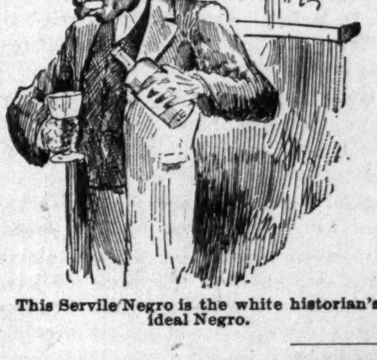

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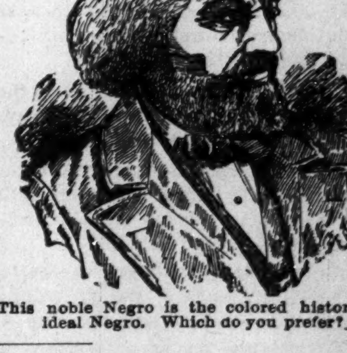

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Mrs. Helen Givens is suffering with la grippe.

Hear Amos Bybee from Shakespeare in the "Effort."

Porter Green is lying dangerously ill of consumption.

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Little Marietta Wayne, who was accidentally burned, is convalescent.

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Mrs. Mary Davis was buried from the home of her mother, 21 North Noble last week.

Attend the great bargain day sale at the Wm. H. Block Co., 7 and 9 East Washington street.

An interesting program has been arranged for Walter's Literary Lyceum next Thursday evening.

Miss Grace Lucas, whose readings are always superb, will be present with a selection in the "Effort."

An amateur oratorical contest between seven young orators will take place at Walter's Literary Lyceum, Feb. 11.

You will have another chance to listen to the sweetness of Miss Stevenson's voice in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian, Feb. 15.

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The "Fourth Annual Effort" of the Herculean Club at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Feb. 15, will be the greatest events of the season.

Dr. Henry Furniss will read a paper before the Marion County Medical Society, Feb. 23, subject, "Diagnosis of Blood Examination."

John W. Young will take the examination for letter-carrier. He is a cousin of the late W. D. McCoy, and a brother to Harvey Young, teacher.

Marcellus Neal, principal of public school No. 19, read an interesting paper at the N. E. Mite and Literary Society, Friday evening of last week.

"Damon and Pythias" will be produced by Montgomery Lodge No. 6, at South Calvary church in the near future. Don't fail to see it.

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One of the special numbers on the program will be a duet by Misses Katie Clay and Ethel Nance at the Ninth Presbyterian church Feb. 15.

Attorney J. H. Lott was successful in the damage suit of Daniel Walker against Contractor Spielhofer. Dr. S. A. Furniss was an expert witness in the case.

Domestics, cloaks, furs, suits and millinery offerings at the bargain day sale of the Wm. H. Block Co., 7 and 9 East Washington street, next Monday. Don't miss it.

Miss Druetta Dixon will render a selection which will be in her usual sweetness of tone, at the "Herculean Effort." Miss Dixon always receives a hearty reception at her renditions.

A South-side market to be located on Virginia avenue, near the fountain, is being much talked of at present. The people of this part of the city hope it may soon become a reality.

Mrs. Chas. Harper, who has a standing welcome before any and all audiences, and who still maintains the first place among the contralto soloists, will appear in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

The subject, "Will a man by the continued repetion of a bad act become devoid of conscience," was nobly discussed, pro and con, at Walter's Literary Lyceum last Thursday evening by Messrs. Peter and Jas. Williams, S. G. Givens and W. M. Lewis.

The annual meeting of the Colored Benevolent Society will be held Monday evening, Jan. 25 at Plymouth church, corner Meridian and New York streets at 7:30, at which time the election of officers will take place. Members are requested to be present. The public is also cordially invited.

The Indianapolis Literary will meet in the Ninth Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening A paper by Mrs. Bryant, music by Mr. Anderson and Dr. Ward, and the discussion, "Resolved, That the President should Recognize the Independence of Cuba," will be the principal features of the evening.

Howard Bell, Eddie Porter and Leonard Harris were brought before Justice of the Peace Habich on the charge of malicious trespass preferred by Asbury Neal, white, who resides on West North street. Young Bell was acquitted. The other boys were fined $1 and costs, amounting to $16.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Chas. Jordan of Connersville has located in the city.

J. W. Hunter of Tabor College, Tabor, Ia., is in the city.

Elwood Knox and Henderson Skinner spent last Sunday in Chicago.

Mrs. Emma Newby left Tuesday to visit her parents and friends in Springfield, O.

Mrs. Chas. H. Stewart has returned from a visit to Mrs. Florence Morton at New Westville, O.

S. C. Dickerson of the University of Chicago, was in the city this week en route to Austin, Tex.

Mrs. M. A. Brady left this week for Knoxville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., to visit friends.

Mrs. Inglehart of Chicago, who has been a guest of Mrs. Tillie Richardson in North Indianapolis returned home last week.

Chas. Rape has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he went to attend the burial of his brother, who died in this city.

A. H. Henderson, who was called to the bedside of his mother at Nashville, Tenn., has returned home. His mother is convalescing.

Mrs. Celeste McCoy, widow of the late W. D. McCoy, was recently married to a Mr. Smith in Boston. They will reside in that city.

Owen Evans, formerly of the "South Before the War," and "Sam T. Jack's Creole Co., is visiting in the city. He will probably locate here.

Mrs. Margaret Roberts of Kokomo, who has been a guest of Miss Jessie Thomas in Senate avenue, was pleasantly surprised at the home of Mrs. Flora Roberts in Mapleton last Wednesday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Benj. Thornton returned last Saturday from Philadelphia, Pa., where he went to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the B. M. C. While in the East, Mr. Thornton made a flying visit to Washington, D. C., where he met many friends. He reports a pleasant trip.

Mrs. E. Willson gave a delightful company at her home in College avenue in honor of Booker T. Washington, Wednesday evening, Jan. 13. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and palms. Mrs. Willson was assisted in entertaining by the Launfal Circle, to which Mr. Washington gave a pleasing and eloquent address. The guests were served by the hostess' daughters, Misses Mary and Victoria Willson, and members of the Launfal Circle.

"The Golden Rod," is the name of a social club recently organized by the married ladies of the South-side, the first meeting of which was held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Waits, 41 Harlan street. The following officers were elected: Mrs. A Waits president; Mrs. R. D. Leonard, vice president; Mrs. H. Duvall, treasurer; Mrs. A. Duvall, secretary. Luncheon was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. R. D. Leonard, 61 Orange street the first Friday in February.

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There are in our midst a certain number of merchants who do not appreciate the patronage of the 30,000 Negroes in this metropolitan city and vicinity enough to place an advertisement in our Negro newspapers, asking for our patronage, but at the same time they will seek all other avenues to increase their trade. Then again there is another class, who cater to our trade along with other races, and who will leave no stone unturned to convince us that we will be cordially received in their places of business. Among the latter class at the head of the list, may be mentioned the Great Dry Goods Emporium of the Wm. H. Block Co., located at 7 and 9 East Washington street. While comparatively a new firm in our business arena, they have already exhibited great business tact and integrity, and have assumed a rank among the leading firms in the city. On the fifth page of this issue of The Freeman will be found a large advertisement, giving to the people a great reduction in domestics, cloaks, furs, suits and millinery offerings on next Monday, their bargain day. No Negro in need of these commodities should fail to visit this great establishment, as when entering its portals, you have the assurance of "Honest goods at honest prices."

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We kindly acknowledge a complimentary notice from the trenchant pen of "B. Square" in last issue of The Freeman.

Uncle Josh says: "Thare iz some pholks in this world who spend their whole lives a hunting after righteousness, and kant find enny time tew praktis it."

A pious and leading member of a certain church was tempted by the wily charms of a fair and handsome Delilah, in consequence of which, both are languishing at the "Works."

There are several dudes, whose salaries, when they work, range from $2.50 to $3.50 per week, striving to organize a select social circle. No one that labors need apply. This is strictly confidential.

A communication comes to our desk signed "Friend," in which is admirably advocated the question relative to a girl's position in the social world. The writer boldly takes a stand for the girl who can maintain her dignity in the capacity of housework, as in any other profession in life.

"Short is the course of every lawless pleasure; grief, like a shade, on all its footsteps waits, scarce visible in joy's meridian height, but downward as its blaze declining speeds, the dwarfish shadow to a giant spreads."

In looking over some old papers the other day we run across the following odd cooking recipe, which may prove to be of great value to those who have embarked on the restless sea of matrimony: "A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women go about as if their husbands were balloons and blow them up. Others keep them constantly in hot water, others let them freeze by indifference and carelessness. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and words. Others roast them. Some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good if managed in this way, but they are really delicious when properly treated. In selecting your husband, do not go to market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none, unless you will patiently learn how to govern him. See that the linen in which you wrap him is properly washed and mended, with the required number of buttons and strings tightly sewed on.

"Tie him in the kettle by a strong silk cord called 'comfort,' as the one called 'duty' is apt to be weak. They are apt to fall out of the kettle and to be burned and crusty on the edges, since, like crabs and lobsters, you have to cook them alive. If he sputters and fuses do not be anxious—some husbands do this until they are called done. Add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. A little spice improves them, but it must be used with judgment. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently, watching the while lest he adhere to the kettle and so become useless. If this treatment is closely followed, you will find him all the more desirable, but do not be careless with him and keep him in too cool a place."

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Business Association.

The Indianapolis National Business Association met last Monday evening at Mt. Zion Baptist church, which was well attended, and an interesting meeting was held. Among other business transacted was the completing of the articles of incerporation for the association. Another meeting will be held at the church Monday evening.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Miss Lulu Bradley is on the sick list.

Five persons joined the church last Sunday.

Mrs. Corcelia Jones is out again after a few day's illness.

Miss Lucy Tunsel left last week for Chicago to visit her brother.

The duet by Little Ella Thomas and Ella May Buckwith last Sunday evening was very sweet.

The meetings are growing more interesting each night. Rev. C. C. Townsend, P. E., assisted this week.

Rev. Murray preached a very interesting sermon on "Gambling" last Sunday evening to a large congregation.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The five o'clock prayer meeting was largely attended Sunday.

The protracted meeting is now in progress, and much interest is manifested. There were 23 conversions and 32 accessions last week.

The Orinco Ladies' Circle was entertained by Mrs. Lou Johnson at 130 Toledo avenue last Thursday. The subject "How to Save the Girls," created much discussion among the ladies.

Mrs. Belle Cretcher and Miss Carrie Busby of Peck street entertained last Friday at dinner, Rev. J. R. Miller, of Columbus, Revs. J.J. Blackshear, A.B., C. F. Williams, N. A. Seymour, A. W. Puller, A. M., of Jelico, Tenn., A. L. Murray, Bro. Bowman, and J. W. Carr, D. D. A pleasant time was had.

Rev. C. A. Johnson, of Hamilton, Canada, attended services last Sabbath. He left for Cincinnati Monday.

A LECTURE ON CUBA

Much Valuable Information Given in a Lecture by a Native.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

The Cuban cause was ably defended and much valuable information concerning the Island and the people, was given in a lecture by Senor De Arguimbou, a native Cuban, who was an officer under Jose Maceo, at Howard Congregational church last Thursday morning, to a crowded house. Hon. H. Napier, J. W. Grant, J. B. Booley, Capt. G. T. Robinson and Dr. R. F. Boyd did much valuable service in the last campaign for both the nation and state Republican ticket. Mr. Napier is our leader, of whom we are very proud, and hope that Maj. McKinley will appoint him to some good position. Prof. Grant has remodeled and enlarged his residence. Miss Mable will make her debut this spring. The three colleges, Central, Fisk and Roger Williams, are crowded with students. Meharry Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical departments will close on Feb. 2d. The final examinational will begin next week. Dr R. F. Boyd has just completed six new rooms in the Boyd building. He is also building a home and grocery store for his mother on Jefferson street. Rev. Pashawha, of Egypt, is lecturing in the different churches of the city. The Centennial buildings are rapidly approaching completion. The Negro building will be one of the prettiest on the grounds. The business and professional men are succeeding well. We have two colored fire companies of which we feel very proud. No fire company in the city excels them in fighting fire. W. F. Westmoreland and R. N. S. Clay are agents for The Freeman. The paper can be had at the Boyd building, 417 and 419 Cedar street. The churches are well attended. The pastors of Nashville are well up to the standard as ministers. Rev. C. B. Wilson, pastor of Clark Chapel M. E. church, preached a very able and impressive sermon to the students of Meharry Medical college. The Freeman will be delivered to any one leaving orders with W. F. Westmoreland or R. N. S. Clay. Everybody should take this weekly race paper.

Personal Mention—News Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

The many friends of Mrs. C.M. Johnson were much shocked at the news of her death on the 13th inst. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their friends. Rev. R. Knight slipped on the ice and fell sustaining injury. Mr. A. Cartmill will make Clarinda his permanent home. Mrs. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall is visiting her mother in Atchison and it is not pleasant owing to the illness of her little son Leo. The wedding bells are ringing. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall preached a touching sermon at the Second Corinthian church the 1st. Mr. H. Johnson of Hamberg is in the city. J. W. Johnson of Baskis, Mo., is in the city. Mrs. A. C. Arnett of Westborro, Mo., and Miss Allie Right of Standsberry. Mo., are in the city. The A. M. E. church people gave an oyster supper on the 15th inst. The second Baptist church will repeat on the 22nd.

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